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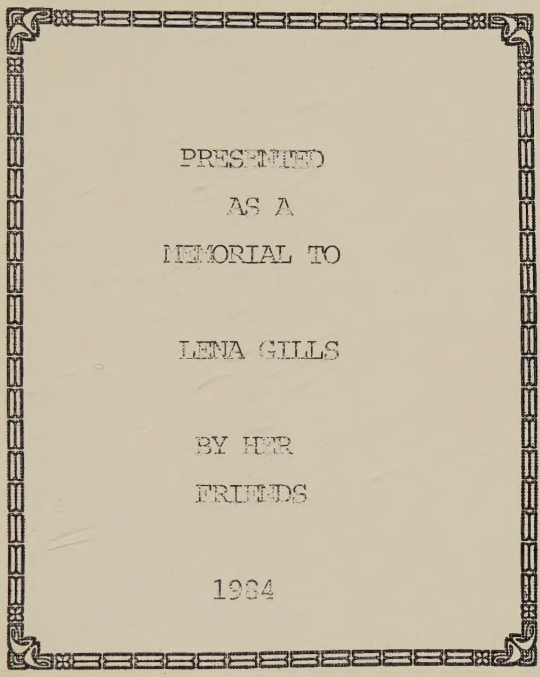
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

MONROE COUNTY, OHIO.

Frank E. Arnold, editor of the *Beallsville Argus*, was born in Beallsville, Monroe county, Ohio, July 30, 1858, his parents being James R. and Maria J. (Smith) Arnold, both born in Ohio. The father is a leading citizen of Beallsville, where he has been engaged in contracting and building for many years. During the rebellion he served with much credit to himself. He returned from the army with his sight and hearing much impaired, and has since grown worse. He has been mayor for several terms, and has held the office of town clerk, and at present is filling the office of borough clerk. Twelve of the fourteen children born to him are living. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are active and valued communicants of the Disciples church, and are held in the highest esteem throughout the community in which they live. Frank E. Arnold, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of his native county, and began his active career at the age of fourteen as a clerk in a dry goods store. He remained with the one firm for over ten years in this capacity. He began to learn the type-setting trade in March, 1882, at Waynesburg, Stark county, Ohio. He worked there for two years and at the death of his father-in-law, who owned the paper, Mr. Arnold took charge of the *Waynesburg Enterprise*, and continued to manage it for a year and a half. At this time the publication was sold and he accepted a position with the coffee importing house of Dannemiller & Co., and remained with them for two and a half years, as a traveling salesman. He then returned to Beallsville, and embarked in the general mercantile business, and was thus engaged until March, 1889, when he established the *Argus*, the first paper ever published at Beallsville. Mr. Arnold was married April 5, 1881, to Miss Ella M., daughter of Rev. L. B. King, and one child, Earl L., has come to brighten their home. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the former is also a member of the Masonic order, and the Jr. O. U. A. M., being junior past counsellor of the latter.

The Rev. Washington Darby, a leading minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, was born in Montgomery county, Md., April 1, 1818, the son of Rezin and Mary (Warfield) Darby, both natives of Maryland. The father, who was a farmer, was a man of much ability and energy. Eleven of the thirteen children

born to him reached the years of maturity. He died at his home in 1828, of yellow fever. The mother was a godly woman, and an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her life was an endearing heritage to her family, her neighbors and friends. She died in 1844. Washington Darby came to Ohio with his mother in 1831, and settled in Belmont county on a farm. He taught school for several years, in Belmont and Monroe counties, and later was engaged in farming for a number of years. His ministerial labors began in 1854, on what was called Baresville circuit, and he has been in active service ever since. At the East Ohio conference, which met at Cambridge in September, 1890, he took a superanuated relation. More than 1,000 members have been added to the church through his labors, a grand result for a life's work. Mr. Darby first joined the Pittsburg conference, and in 1878, was transferred to the East Ohio conference, the last four years of his ministry having been at Beallsville, the place where he started in his life work more than a third of a century ago. He has been a citizen of Ohio since first coming here from Maryland, with the exception of three years which he spent in his native state, having left home when sixteen years of age and returned to Maryland. In 1842, he was married to Miss Malinda Beall, daughter of Citizen Beall, the founder of the town of Beallsville. Four children have blessed this union: Citizen, married Allie Morris; their six children are: Blanche, Nona, George W., Myrtle, Otto and Azel H. Citizen is marshal of Beallsville, and a street commissioner. Addison W. married Mary Ohanlin, daughter of Dr. Ohanlin, of Columbiana county, Ohio; their children are: Nora, Charles, Edward, Elsie, Ethel and John B. Citizen Beall was a member of the first Methodist Episcopal society ever organized in this portion of Ohio. Philip Darby, a brother of our subject, preached the first sermon. This was about the year 1835. In 1838 the first Methodist church was built in Beallsville. The Rev. Washington Darby is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a man held in the highest respect by the community at large.

The Hon. John B. Driggs, a prominent man of the state, was born in Monroe (now Noble county), Ohio, in 1843, the son of William and Jane (Oakey) Driggs, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Ohio. The father came to Ohio at the age of five years with his parents, the year being 1818. They lived at St. Clairsville for one year, after which they removed to Woodsfield (or what is now that place, then wildnerness). William was a successful farmer. He went to Clinton, Mo., in 1868, and died there May 25, 1890, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife died in January, 1848, aged twenty-eight years. James, the oldest son, enlisted in the fall of 1861, in Company A,

Seventy-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and served in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, and others. He was shot and instantly killed at the battle of Marks Mills. The Hon. John B. Driggs was educated in the schools of Woodsfield, and later at Ashland college. He began the study of law in 1865 in the office of Amos Sprague, of this place, and was admitted to practice in 1868. He began his professional career with the Hon. James R. Morris, but after a year went west and located at Mound City, Iowa, where he formed a partnership with W. P. Biddle, a noted attorney of that state. One year later he went to Paris, Ia., and finally, after a tour of the states, settled at Bonham. Two years subsequent he was engaged in surveying the Indian Territory (in 1871), and there contracted ague. He next removed to Kansas, and in October, 1872, returned to Woodsfield. On his return home Mr. Driggs engaged in the newspaper business, and in 1875 formed a partnership with J. P. Spriggs, in the practice of law and continued with him for ten years. He then became associated with W. E. Mallory, and this firm existed until Mr. Driggs was elected in 1886, to the bench of the court of common pleas, of the eighth judicial district, comprising the counties of Belmont and Monroe. In 1881 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Monroe county, and was returned to that office in 1884, and two years later resigned to become a candidate for the office which he now holds. April 29, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, being eighteen years of age; and served in the army of the Potomac under McClellan in the West Virginia campaign early in the war. They were with Fremont in the Shenandoah, at the battle of Cross Keys, and then under Gen. Siegel. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, was with Burnsides' winter campaign, which ended in the battle of Fredericksburg; was with Hooker until after the battle of Chancellorsville; then under Mead at Gettysburg; and was then transferred to the department of the south, taking part in the south at Morris Island, and while on Folly Island, the regiment re-enlisted. Those who did not re-enlist were transferred to the Seventy-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, and sent to Florida, where they were mounted for cavalry duty. Mr. Driggs left his regiment in Florida and came to Camp Chase by way of New York, after which he returned to his home, having contracted the Florida fever and ague, which made further service impossible. He was married in 1873 to Miss Sophia Reed, daughter of William Reed, of this county, and their home has been blessed by the birth of six children, viz.: Lucy, Mary A., John W., Charles J., Henry W., and Benjamin R. Mrs. Driggs is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, while her husband is a member of the Masons, Blue Lodge, and chapter, of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and also of

the William B. Richardson post, G. A. R. Judge Driggs' paternal grandmother was a sister of the Hon. Benjamin Ruggles, who represented Ohio in the United States senate from 1815 to 1833. He was one of the four founders of Woodsfield, the other three being Archibald Wood, for whom it was named; Levi Barber and George Paul. Judge Driggs and his sisters are the only living representatives of the James Oakey family. Many members of the latter family have been prominent lawyers of this state. John W. Oakey was probate judge of this subdivision, and removed to Cincinnati later, where in company with Judge Gholson, he wrote and published a digest of the Ohio decisions. He was subsequently appointed on the commission to codify the Ohio statutes, and while acting in that capacity was elected judge of the supreme court of Ohio, and was re-elected in 1882. William Oakey was judge of the common pleas court from 1876 to 1881. Judge Driggs is undoubtedly one of the most brilliant and able lawyers in the state. His entire professional career has been marked by great ability and by unswerving integrity.

Rev. Samuel Egger, pastor of the German Evangelical church at Woodsfield, was born in Monroe county, Ohio, March 11, 1857, the son of Samuel and Magdalene (Christmann) Egger, natives of Montgomery county, N. J., and Elsass, Germany, respectively. The father came to Ohio in 1829, with his parents, Jacob and Anna Egger, three brothers and one sister. The journey was made in an old fashioned "sweetzer" one horse wagon, and they were four weeks in reaching Ohio. Near Powhattan the wagon got stuck fast in the mud, and it was not until the services of a yoke of oxen had been engaged that they were able to proceed on their way. They made their home with an uncle, John Egger, on the farm now owned by F. J. Snyder. Jacob subsequently bought eighty acres of land, at the sale held in Marietta, for $100. This was situated in Malaga township. Jacob died in 1863, and Anna in 1869. These parents came to America from Switzerland in 1819. Of the eight children, Jacob, Rosan, Henry, Samuel, John, Louis, Anna and G. Solomon, born to Samuel and Magdalene Egger, two of the sons, Jacob S. and George S., are residents of Woodbury county, Iowa, the latter being a teacher. The other children reside in Monroe county. The Rev. S. Egger, our subject, began active life at the age of twenty-five. He was principally educated at Elmhurst, Ill., where he remained from 1875 to 1879. He then went to Washington, Mo., and for three years was a student in a theological school there. He was ordained in Mansfield in 1882, and took charge of a church in Mercer county, Ohio, and remained there for six years. In April, 1887, he came to Woodsfield. He was married October 26, 1882, to Miss Mary, daughter of George and Charlotte Buckio, of Monroe county, and four children have been

born into their home, named, Louis S., Magdalene (deceased), Frieda B. and Simon S. Mr. Egger is a preacher of much power and influence. He has won the esteem and respect of the community, and doubtless has a bright career before him. The six children born to George and Charlotte Buckio were: Fred, Mary and Henry (twins), Frank, John and Matilda. John F. Egger, the next youngest brother of the Rev. S. Egger, is a prominent instructor of the county. For the past two years he has been principal of the Calais public schools, and formerly had charge of the Miltonsburg schools for four years. He was married July 29, 1890, to Miss Matilda Geltmacher, a lady of much musical ability, and of rare refinement.

The Rev. Edward L. Fladung, rector of St. Sylvestus church, of Woodsfield and Ozark, was born in Fulda-Hesse Cassel, Germany, in April, 1847. His parents were Louie and Josephine Fladung, both natives of Germany. The father was a government official for many years, and took part in the war of Schleswig-Holstein, as a non-commissioned officer. He was seriously wounded in that war and was subsequently given the position under the government above mentioned. His death occurred in 1859, he being in his thirty-seventh year. The mother died in the same year, at the age of thirty-five. Edward L. Fladung was the eldest of five children. He came to America in 1861, and two years later, entered upon his studies at Bardstown, Ky., but later, at Mount St. Mary's, Cincinnati. In 1870, he completed his studies, and was ordained in December of that year, and was made first assistant in St. Mary's church in Noble county. After a year and a half, he became rector of St. John's church, at Miltonsburg and subsequently spent ten years in Churchtown, Washington county, as rector there. For five years he was in charge of the church at Fulda, and since September, 1889, has been rector at Woodsfield. Since his coming to this city, he has greatly benefited the church and has won the respect of the entire community.

Oliver M. Greenbank was born in Monroe county, Ohio, August 11, 1859. William and Mary (Barton) Greenbank, his parents, were also natives of Ohio. The father was a farmer in this county for many years, and served his country loyally and well for three years during the rebellion. He died in 1865, from the effects of a severe blow, a tree having fallen upon him. Mrs. Greenbank is also dead. Oliver M. is the oldest of three children born to these parents. The second child is John, a resident of Newark, Ohio, and William, the youngest, who lives at Little River, Kan., where he is engaged in journalism. Mr. Oliver M. Greenbank commenced life for himself at the age of fourteen. He was employed on the farm owned by his uncle, Richard Greenbank. In 1876 he left the farm and became an apprentice to the printer's trade in the office of the *Monroe Gazette*, of which

he is now part owner. Until May, 1889, he was employed in the *Gazette* office as foreman, and in the latter year, formed a partnership with Dr. G. A. Keepers, and purchased the plant, since which time, Mr. Greenbank has been local editor. Since he became interested in the *Monroe Gazette*, that journal has increased in value fully fifty per cent. March 13, 1880, he was happily married to Miss Elizabeth A., daughter of Jackson and Mary Mann. Their home has been blessed by the advent of three children, viz.: Mary L., William J. (deceased) and James R. Both Mr. and Mrs. Greenbank are valued communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the former is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and the K. of P., being recording secretary of the latter lodge. He is a man who has made his own way in life, and has accomplished his ends in such a happy and able manner that his prosperity has but increased his popularity with his fellow townsmen. He is possessed of more than usual ability as a journalist, and is a thorough printer, knowing the business from first to last.

Judge Garrison Wire Hamilton was born in Monroe county, Ohio, March 26, 1854. Jacob H. and Maria (Robinson) Hamilton, his parents, were natives of Pennsylvania and Ireland, respectively. Mr. Hamilton began his active life at the age of eighteen as a school teacher, and was thus engaged for five years. He was graduated from Mount Union college in the class of 1877, and then resumed his teaching, and at the same time carried on the study of law. He was graduated from the Cincinnati law school in 1881. Mr. Hamilton practiced his chosen profession until March, 1886, when he bought the *Spirit of Democracy*, and at once entered upon his duties as editor and publisher of that journal. In June, 1886, he sold an interest to Mr. W. S. Van Law, and they were associated in the business until the death of the latter. Mr. Hamilton was elected judge of the probate court of Monroe county, in the November election of 1890. For two terms he was a school examiner of the county. December 15, 1886, he was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Emma M. Bircher, daughter of George and Jane Bircher, of Noble county, Ohio, and one child has been born to them, named Birch. Judge Hamilton is a Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the K. of P., and his wife is a devout communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church. Judge Hamilton is a man of much ability. As a lawyer he was a success, but as an editor he excels. He is a man of strong convictions, and the stamina to carry them out. He brings to the bench a well balanced, thoroughly trained mind, and a name unspotted.

One of Clarington's prominent men is Mr. William T. Hurd, who was born in Monroe county, Ohio, September 22, 1816, the

son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Buskirk) Hurd. The father was a native of Maryland, while the mother was born in Pennsylvania. Samuel Hurd was a volunteer in the war of 1812, and was present at Hull's surrender. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in 1828. His wife's demise occurred in 1854. They had six children, three of whom are now living. William was the second child. At the age of ten years he began life's struggle for himself, and did any honorable work that he could get. He went on a flat-boat to the south with produce, and also engaged in steamboating. For a number of years he was engaged in wagon-making, and later, was interested in agriculture. In 1841 he worked a farm in Arkansas, and remained there for a year or two. For several years he was a ship carpenter at Wheeling, W. Va., but for the past forty-five years has lived in Clarington most of the time. For about thirty-five years he has served the people as justice of the peace, and for some time was mayor of the city. In 1841 Miss Eliza Smalley became his wife, but died four years later without issue. In 1847 he was again married, Miss Susan Newhouse becoming his bride. Wesley B. is the fruit of this union. The son married Miss Orlena Atkinson, of Monroe county, and they have had six children. He is in the tobacco business in Pittsburg. Mr. William T. Hurd is a Mason, and was W. M. in Clarington lodge, No. 263, for seventeen years. Mrs. Hurd died in January, 1872, of the small-pox, which was raging in this city at that time. In 1873 Mr. Hurd espoused Mrs. Ann J. Litton, widow of William Litton, late of Clarington. Joshua Hurd, the paternal grandfather of the above mentioned, served through the Revolution, and held the rank of major at the close of that struggle. He settled in the Ohio valley about three miles from Clarington, on the Virginia side of the river, and himself and daughter, Ruth, made several trips to Baltimore on horseback to procure salt and iron. This daughter helped to lay out those who were killed by the Indians on Captina creek.

Francis P. Martin, M. D., first saw the light at Clarington, June 12, 1836. His parents were John and Nancy (Archer) Martin, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. For about forty years the father was a justice of the peace. He was born in 1808, and died in 1885. He was a farmer, lawyer and esquire, and was well and favorably known throughout the county. His wife was born in 1811, and died in October, 1887. She was a devout and lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the ten children born to these parents five still survive them. Francis P. Martin began the active affairs of life by teaching school at the age of seventeen years. He taught in the winter, and attended the Barnesville academy during the summer season. His medical studies were begun in his twentieth year under the tutelage of Dr. J. D. O'Kanner, of Clarington. He prac-

ticed from 1859 to 1868 in Clarington and Matamoras, Washington county, and was a resident of the latter place for twenty-eight years, and had a larger practice than any other physician in the county. In November, 1873, his house and all the outbuildings burned while he was sick with typhoid fever. His books and furnishings were all consumed, and the entire place was a loss as his insurance had expired during his sickness. He began life anew with but five cents in his pocket, but in less than four weeks had collected money enough on accounts to buy another property almost as good as the one lost. He has been very successful in his practice, and stands high in the community for professional skill. June 24, 1860, he formed a marriage alliance with Miss Adaline A., daughter of Elias and Maria Davis, of Clarington, and nine children have been born into their cultured home: John, principal of the Matamoras schools, he married Amelia Burgbacher, and they have one child, Eugene Francis; Frances P. and Adaline A., both died at the age of eighteen months; Lillian, wife of F. D. Wermuth, their children are Ada, Preston and Mary; Thaddeus, a clerk in a jewelry store; Nimrod, Luther, Matilda and Lucy A. Mrs. Martin has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since her thirteenth year. Dr. Martin is a Mason, and at one time was a Granger, as he owns an extensive farm property in Washington county. He is also a member of lodge 525, I. O. O. F., and was a charter member of the Clarington lodge of the Masons. Dr. Martin was graduated from the Cincinnati school of medicine and surgery in 1869.

W. C. Mooney, a prominent business man of Monroe county, and cashier of the Monroe bank, at Woodsfield, was born at Beallsville, Monroe county, Ohio, June 18, 1855. His parents were Samuel L., and Martha (Kirkpatrick) Mooney, who were both natives of Ohio. Mr. Mooney received his education in the schools of his native town, and later entered the Ohio Wesleyan university at Delaware, Ohio. When twenty years of age he secured a clerkship in the store of Taylor & Armstrong, of Bellaire, and remained with them for two years, after which he came to Woodsfield and accepted the position of book-keeper of the Monroe bank. He held that position until 1878, when he was made cashier of the institution. He has been a town school director for several terms, and as such evinced a decided ability for this kind of work. He was married in January, 1879, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of George H. Devenport, of Monroe county, who was for years a prominent general merchant of Woodsfield, and died in that town in 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney are the parents of five children, as follows: George L., Marie L., William C., Elizabeth D., and one as yet unnamed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mooney are members of the Methodist Episcopal church,

and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a man held in the highest esteem by the community at large. As a business man his name is above reproach, and he is recognized as having more than usual sagacity and enterprise.

The Hon. James R. Morris, one of the most prominent men of Monroe county, was born in Greene county, Penn., January 10, 1820. His parents were Joseph and Sarah (Hill) Morris, both natives of Greene county. The father was a merchant in early life, but afterward became prominent in politics. He came to this county in 1829, and opened a store on the Ohio river opposite Sistersville, but after eighteen months he removed to Woodsfield where he lived at the time of his death, which occurred October 23, 1854. He was born October 16, 1795, and his wife May 20, of the same year. The latter died July 17, 1885. Joseph Morris was sheriff of Greene county, Penn., for one term; served two terms, 1833–34, in the Ohio legislature, and was elected county treasurer in 1841, and before his term expired was elected to congress and was re-elected in 1844. The last seven years of his life he resided on his farm in the vicinity of Woodsfield. Both he and wife were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the nine children born to him but three are now living, namely: Mrs. A. D. Driggs, James R. and William T., now in the adjutant general's office at Columbus. James R. Morris began active life by learning the printing trade at the age of twelve years. Two years later he was the oldest compositor in the office, and at this time his father bought the office and his son operated the business. This was the first paper published in the county, and in 1832 was called the *Monroe Gazette*. In 1836 he suspended the publication of the journal, and sold it in 1841, but in 1844, again became its proprietor and issued a paper called the *Spirit of Democracy*, of which he was editor for twelve years. In 1848 he was elected to the Ohio legislature, and during that session voted for the repeal of the Black laws, and voted also for Salmon P. Chase. He was nominated for a re-election but was defeated by 256 votes because of his action in the preceding legislature. In 1857 he was nominated for state treasurer, but with the remainder of the ticket was defeated. In 1858 he was elected a member of the state board of equalization, and in 1860 was sent to the thirty-seventh congress, and was returned to the thirty-eighth congress. He served during the greater part of the civil war and was one of the official visitors at the battle of Bull Run. On the night of April 14th, 1865, he was in Ford's theatre when Abraham Lincoln was foully murder by Wilkes Booth. He was among the last to leave the theatre and saw the president carried to the house across the street where his great heart beat its last. Mr. Morris went from the hall to the office of the chief of police with

whom he was acquainted, and was with him when a messenger arrived announcing the assassination of Secretary Seward. After his return to Woodsfield, Mr. Morris resumed the practice of his profession, forming a partnership with Judge Way, and continued in this until 1872, when he was elected judge of the probate court, which position he held for six years. During Cleveland's administration he was appointed postmaster of Woodsfield, and held that office for three and a half years. Since the expiration of that term he has been engaged in his law business. In 1845, Mr. Morris was united in wedlock to Miss Mary Williams, whose father, Jeremiah Williams, was one of the earliest settlers of West Virginia, having gone there from Pennsylvania in 1780. The children of this union were: Ewart H., who was killed in a railroad accident on the Kentucky Central road at the age of twenty-six; Enos F., who was drowned in the Ohio river while bathing, at the age of eleven years; Eliza (deceased), Ella (deceased), Sarah, wife of William T. Oakey, of Adams county, Iowa; their children are: Frank, James, William and Mary, wife of Robert W. Pope, of Woodsfield. The mother of these children died September 5, 1856, aged thirty-three years. She was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Morris was again married July 8, 1858, to Miss Temperance Witten, daughter of Peter and Rachel Witten, of Monroe county; and one child resulted from this marriage, named Joseph W., who is engaged in railroad business. Peter Witten's father settled on a farm below Wheeling in 1792, in Jackson township. The farm is still in the family's possession. The Hon. James R. Morris is a man of brilliant mind, and of great tenacity of purpose. His long public career has left his name without a stain.

William Oakes, an aged and highly esteemed citizen of Woodsfield, now retired from active life, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1809. His parents were Cornelius and Hannah (Weir) Oakes, the father of the latter being a native of Scotland. The mother was a Virginian and the father a native of Dalaware. The latter came to Ohio in 1802, and settled in Belmont county. He was a member of the state legislature for a number of terms and also served as sheriff of the county for several years. He was the father of thirteen children. Mr. William Oakes began life for himself on reaching his majority, at which time he embarked in the mercantile business, and was thus engaged until he was appointed clerk of the county court in 1839, and remained in that office for over ten years. During his incumbency of the clerkship he was devoting his spare moments to the study of law, and was admitted to the bar after resigning his official position. In 1873 he was elected a member of the constitutional convention, and served through 1874. In 1876 he was elected judge of the common pleas court, and filled that

honorable position for five years. In 1844 Mr. Oakes was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda M. French, daughter of Curtis and Mary D. French, of Indiana. Four children blessed this happy alliance, named: William F., cashier of the Monroe bank; Sarah M., Mary C., wife of Henry R. West, died in July, 1890; and Curtis W., who died in infancy. Mrs. Oakes died in 1864, at the age of forty-two years. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in her death the community lost one of its greatest treasures. Mr. Oakes is also a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a man devoted to every charitable work.

W. T. Powell, a leading printer and publisher of Clarington, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1851, on the 5th of October. His parents were David and Matilda (Adams) Powell, both natives of Ohio. The father was a justice of the peace for many years, and was a man held in the highest esteem in the community in which he lived. He died at the age of fifty-three years, in 1854. His wife died in 1876, aged sixty-four. She was a life-long member of the Baptist church, a loving wife and a devoted mother. These parents had ten sons and two daughters. W. T. was the eleventh child. He was educated in the common schools of his native town, and began life for himself at the age of twelve years, and worked on a farm for three years, after which he was employed in different things for six years and attended school at intervals. In 1872 he went to West Virginia and taught there for six years. In 1875 he was joined in marriage to Miss Ella Harris, daughter of William and Charlotte Harris. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Powell, viz.: Amador L., Minnie E., and Blanche V. In 1879 Mr. Powell removed to Powhattan and there established a small printing office. In one year his business outgrew the place and he then went to Matamoras, and in 1881 came to Clarington and formed a partnership with Prof. W. T. Battenfield. The first issue of the *Clarington Independent* was in 1881, with a circulation of about 300, which has since been increased to over 1,000. In 1883 he purchased his partner's interest, and one year later took another partner, but after a year again operated the paper alone and has since continued to do so. He is a member of the Masonic order, also of the K. of P., holding the office of C. C. in the latter fraternity. Mr. Powell has the only steam printing office in the county, and it is thoroughly equipped for the finest work. Under his management the *Clarington Independent* has come to be recognized as a power in the county, and its editor is held in the highest respect, both for his ability and unswerving integrity.

John W. Reed, M. D., was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, January 22, 1840, the son of William and Ann E. (Grafton) Reed, the former being a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia. The

father was for years a prominent boot and shoe merchant of Barnesville, but later operated a tannery and a large leaf tobacco business. He was a successful, respected business man, an ardent republican and a true abolitionist, although too aged to take part in the war. He died in 1887, at the age of seventy-four. Both himself and wife were life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the latter dying in 1875, aged sixty-four years. These parents had five offspring, all of them living. Mr. John W. Reed is the second child. He was educated in the public schools of Barnesville, and read medicine with Dr. Isaac Hoover, of that place. He was graduated from the Cincinnati Medical college in 1863, and entered the regular army, having received his commission from Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war, as a medical cadet in the United States army. Fifty was the limit in this class, and Mr. Reed was honored by being chosen one of them. They were permitted to remain in this department for one year only; and at the expiration of this period he was assigned assistant surgeon in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and remained in that regiment until the close of the war. Leaving the army he went to Independence, Mo., and practiced there for three years, after which he came to Bealls-ville, in 1875, and entered upon the practice in which he has since been so successful. Dr. Reed is undoubtedly one of the finest physicians in this portion of the state. He has remarkable skill and is a man of great ability. He has been a member of the common council of the town and for twelve years has served on the board of education. In 1873 Miss Maggie O'Sullivan, daughter of Timothy O'Sullivan, of Bellaire, Ohio, became his wife, and their three children are: Nona, William E. and Guy C. The mother died in 1881, aged thirty-three years. Dr. Reed married for his second wife, Miss Mary M. Beazell, daughter of Albert Beazell, of Monroe county, July 19, 1882, and the children of this union are named: Birdie, Renna, Lila and Anna. Mrs. Reed is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also of G. A. R. post, No. 606.

Valentine Schneider was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 11, 1823, his parents being Joseph and Marion (Schatsman) Schneider. The father died in 1825, at the age of forty years, and his wife in 1858, aged seventy. Joseph was a proprietor of a hotel during the greater part of his life, both were natives of Germany. All of their twelve children are deceased with the exception of Valentine, who was the youngest of the family. He came to this country in 1847, the 27th of May. For one year he was a journeyman upholster in New Orleans. He was taken with yellow fever and confined to the hospital for six weeks. On his recovery he went to Cincinnati and worked as a journeyman saddler there for about four years, after which he removed to

Wheeling, W. Va., and resided there for two years. He then went to St. Louis, and after following his trade there for two years longer, came to Monroe county, Ohio, and embarked in the harness business. After four years spent in the Dark Hills of Monroe, he took up his residence at Clarington, and has been engaged in business there for over twenty-six years, having built up a large and constantly increasing trade. In 1853, Mr. Schneider married Miss Caroline Gotterman, a native of Germany, the ceremony having been performed on the 5th day of September of that year. Mrs. Schneider came to America with her parents when twelve years of age. They landed at Quebec and went to Montreal, thence to Warren, Canada, and then they settled near Pittsburg, Penn. The journey of 1,100 miles was made on foot. She remained with Robert Peoples, in Sweetly, for three years, and while there earned enough to come to Clarington. Working until she had saved sufficient to pay for forty acres of land, she sold it, and with the proceeds assisted her husband to buy the pleasant home they now occupy. Their children are: Albert, who is engaged in business with his father. He married Barbara Heines, and they have one son, Oscar; Matilda, Amelia, married P. Speck; Josephine, wife of C. Donaldson; Louie, married Matilda ———; Mary, living in St. Louis; Susan, Willie, Edward and George. Mr. Schneider has been a member of the Masons for twenty years, and both he and his son, Albert, are members of the I. O. O. F., of which the former has been treasurer since 1872; he is also a charter member of both fraternities in Clarington. Mr. Schneider learned his trade in Obendorf, Germany, in 1839. Two years later he became a journeyman, and as is the custom in that country, traveled for five years throughout the kingdom.

Henry Schütte was born in Germany, May 14, 1833, his parents being Henry and Lottie (Leeka) Schutte, both of German parentage. They came to America in 1853, having sailed from the native land September 2, 1853, they landed on the 22d day of the following month in New York. They made their way to Wheeling, W. Va., where father and son worked at their trade, blacksmithing. Prior to his coming to this country, Mr. Schutte traveled over Germany as a journeyman blacksmith. After living in Wheeling for a year, the family then came to Clarington, arriving here July 18, 1854. Mr. Schutte at once started a shop of his own and has been carrying on a good business since. He has been a member of the town council for seven years. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Behmke, who came to this country from Germany in 1858. Mr. Schutte met his future bride in New York city, and they were soon after happily married. It is worth mentioning here that Mrs. Schute was a passenger on the ill-fated steamer Austria, which burned up on

the return trip, with 500 hundred souls on board, all of whom were lost. Mr. and Mrs. Schutte are the parents of six children, named: Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Walker Litten; Henrietta, wife of Alfred Michel, the proprietor of the National hotel at Clarington; Rosa M., wife of Eugene Booth; Ida, Isadore and Almo. The three last mentioned are still at home with their parents, and form a pleasant home circle. The family are communicants of the Lutheran church, and are highly respected in the community. Mr. Schutte is also a member of the Red and Blue lodges of Masons. Miss Ida Schutte was married January 15, 1891, to Edward Voekler, of Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Voekler, Sr., is in the tannery business, and is numbered among the oldest citizens of that place.

Henry M. Smith, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon of Clarington, was born in Gallia county, Ohio, August 23, 1861, his parents being Brice H. and Nancy (Dickey) Smith, both natives of Ohio. The father is an extensive agriculturist and stock-raiser of Gallia county, and is well known in that section of the state. Henry M. is the fifth child of a family of nine. On attaining his majority he began active life for himself as a clerk in a general store. He varied this occupation with attending school for four years, and at the expiration of that time became a student of the Iron City Commercial college, of Pittsburg, and graduated therefrom with the class of 1883. In May, 1885, he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. E. W. Grover, of Glenwood, W. Va. Subsequently he attended lectures at the Columbus Medical college for one term, and then entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, where he was graduated March 1, 1888. He first began the practice of his profession at Gallipolis, Ohio, but later removed to Woodlands. In April, 1890, he came to Clarington, and at once entered upon a good practice. Dr. Smith is vice-president and member of board of censors of the medical society of the Ohio valley, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of P. and of the Jr. O. U. A. M. As a physician Dr. Smith stands high, is progressive and intelligent, and has evidently used his abilities to the best advantage.

One of the most enterprising and promising young business men in Monroe county is Mr. Julius Steiger, the efficient secretary of the Planing-mill, Hardware & Furniture company of Clarington. He was born in this county September 30, 1866. John U. and Rosa (Krebs) Steiger, his parents, are now respected residents of Monroe county, where they are engaged in agriculture. The father was born in Switzerland, and came to this country with his parents when nine years of age, and settled in Monroe county. The nine children born to John and Rosa Steiger are all living Julius being the second child. The latter

when seventeen years old secured a clerkship in the general store of B. H. Malory, of Clarington, and remained with him for six years, after which he accepted the responsible position which he now holds. He took charge of this office October 1st, 1889, and has operated the concern with much ability, and with the strictest integrity. He is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee, and he is also a member of the K. of P., Clarington lodge. Mr. Steiger is held in the highest respect and esteem by the entire community, and is recognized as one of the substantial and aggressive business men of the county.

One of the leading business men of Clarington is Mr. C. C. Thomas, a member of the firm of Gatz & Thomas, general merchants. Mr. Thomas was born in Clarington in 1858. His parents were Thaddeus S. and Ruth (Matthews) Thomas. The father was born in Virginia, but the mother was a native of Clarington. Both are still living and are honored residents of Monroe county, Ohio, where the father was a merchant for many years. Later, he spent many years on the Ohio river as captain and pilot. Mr. C. C. Thomas is the eldest living of six children born to these parents. He was educated in his native town, and then began business for himself at the age of twenty years as a jeweler. Subsequently he engaged in steamboating on the Ohio river, and in 1882 embarked in the mercantile business. This firm carries the largest stock of any concern of its character in the county. They started on a small scale, but by energy, ability and shrewd enterprise, have reached the high plane of commercial success that they now enjoy. Gardner Thomas, the paternal grandfather of our subject came from New York state, and settled in Virginia, where he was married. He then removed to Ohio in 1836. His wife was Matilda Archer, who is still living with mind and body well preserved at the age of eighty-one years. Her husband died at the same age. She is a very devout member of the Disciples church, and is honored throughout the county. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Thomas was Mr. Matthews. He died in Evansville, Ind., at the age of sixty-seven years.

G. L. Tyler, a prominent business man of Monroe county was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 6, 1827, the son, of Judson and Lovicy (Todd) Tyler, natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively. The father was a farmer and an old time whig. He fought in the war of 1812, and died in 1842, at the age of fifty-five years, his wife having died two years before. were the parents of four children, viz.: Fanny, married to Thomas Tench, she died in 1845; James M., died in Clinton, Iowa, in 1879; Franklin, now a resident of New York state, and G. L. The latter began teaching school at the age of fourteen,

and he was thus engaged for fifteen years. He was a very successful teacher, and gave great satisfaction to his patrons. For some time he was a clerk on steamboats on the Ohio, Mississippi and Cumberland rivers, but since 1863 has been engaged in the mercantile business at Clarington. His business enterprises have been uniformely successful, and he is numbered among the most substantial and able business men of the county. He has held a number of public offices, such as township clerk, member of council, etc., and has always taken a deep interest in every enterprise promising good to the community. He was married in 1850, to Miss Mary Davis, daughter of Michael and Clarinda Davis, of Monroe county. Four children have come to bless their happy home: James W. (died in 1886); he was a very prominent business man, and had a bright career before him; Charles A., a member of the firm of G. L. Tyler & Co.; Medora E., died at the age of three years, in 1860, and Frank, a clerk in the Census bureau at Washington. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Walter S. VanLaw, formerly associate editor of *The Spirit of Democracy*, was born in Cameron, Monroe county, Ohio, September 2, 1864. His parents were Reason and Eliza (Alexander) VanLaw. These parents are natives Ohio, and are honored residents of Monroe county. Mr. VanLaw was graduated from Cameron academy, having previously attended school at Clarington, and at the age of sixteen began teaching, and for six years was an able and efficient instructor. June 14, 1886, he purchased an interest in *The Spirit of Democracy*, and was one of its editors and publishers at the time of his demise, September 7, 1890. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a man of more than ordinary ability and force of character. In February, 1890, he was stricken with la grippe, and subsequently taking a heavy cold soon fell into the power of the dread consumption. Mr. VanLaw was a member of the K. of P. lodge, No. 338. His death caused a vacancy in the social world, his home, and the journalism of Monroe county lost one of its most brilliant and promising votaries. With all his success and getting of knowledge he did not forget the allegiance due to his Maker. His life was a shining example of true Christian fortitude and manliness, and his death was triumphant and fearless.

WETZEL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.

S. P. Carney, member of the firm of Carney Bros. & Co., at Littleton, W. Va., was born September 18, 1861, in Wetzel county. His parents are Solomon and Jane C. (Hammond) Carney, who are still living and honored residents of the county. The father owns a large farm near Silver Hill on which a por-

tion of the town was built. These parents have seven children, six of whom are living. The names of the children are: S. A., I. J., S. P., Silas, W. J., Emma A., who died July 6, 1890, aged twenty-two, and Ellis A. When twenty-one years old S. P. Carney began clerking in a store in which the firm to which he belongs now conducts business. He clerked for five years, and in 1887, bought a third interest. The firm deals in general merchandise, grain and produce of all kinds. They do an increasing business, the sales for the past year having been much larger than ever before. September 9, 1888, Mr. Carney was married to Miss Jessie L., daughter of M. L. and Clara C. Hill, of the county. They have only one child, Iona G. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Carney holds the position of trustee. He is likewise a member of the I. O. O. F., and affiliates with the Masonic brethren. For four years Mr. S. P. Carney has owned a half interest in the *Marshall & Wetzel County News*, published at Cameron. Mrs. Carney is a graduate of the West Liberty State normal school, class of 1882, and before her marriage became a teacher of distinction. She is a lady of fine culture, a good musician and makes a companion of whom any man might feel proud. S. A. Carney, brother of the gentleman above described and member of the same firm, also a partner in the Chaney & Carney mill at Littleton, was born August 26, 1858. When seventeen years old he began teaching, which he continued for four years, meeting with decided success in this calling. He liked the business, but it was not sufficiently profitable to suit him, and he concluded to enter the mercantile business. He was married in 1880, to Miss Sarah E., daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Haught) Glover. Three bright children blessed this union, viz.: Samuel C., Florence A. and Herbert L. Mr. Carney is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is superintendent of the Sunday school of the same, while his wife belongs to the Baptist denomination. The two Carney brothers above sketched belong to that class called "nature's noblemen," as they believe in the live and let live principle. They are courteous to all comers and especially kind to strangers "within their gates." They are first class business men, possessed of good judgment and address, and the success they have gained is due to their own personal efforts for which they are deserving of esteem.

Hiram Chaney is a native of Greene county, Penn., where he was born January 24, 1860. His parents are Owen and Louvina (Long) Chaney, both still residents of Greene county, Penn. In early life the father was a merchant, but subsequently became a farmer, which is still his occupation. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their home has been cheered by the birth of five children, Hiram being the oldest of

the family. He received his education in the public schools, and when nineteen years of age, started in business for himself in connection with a partner. He first tried the lumber business, which he conducted and afterward owned himself. In 1884, he settled at Littleton, Wetzel county, W. Va., where he still conducts the lumber business. In the spring of 1888, he, with S. A. Carney and S. P. Carney formed a partnership under the firm name of Carney Bros. & Co., buying the store of Carney & Jolliff and doing a general mercantile business. In the spring of 1889, he, with S. A. Carney, formed a partnership under the firm name of Chaney & Carney, buying the Littleton mills, which is a well equipped establishment, using the patent roller process and doing an immense business. The store business is also prosperous, and has outgrown the building in which it is conducted. In 1882, Mr. Chaney was united in wedlock with Miss Katie, daughter of Michael and Mary (Fahey) Horen of Littleton, Wetzel county, W. Va. Their home has been blessed by the birth two children: Mary A., aged four years, and William, aged one year. Mrs. Chaney is a devoted member of the Catholic church and Mr. Chaney is a member of the I. O. O. F. The family is popular and generally esteemed.

A. M. Crow, a well-to-do merchant at Littleton, is a native of Greene county, Penn., where he was born November 22, 1854. He is a son of Joseph and Mary J. (Ernest) Crow, natives of Pennsylvania but residents of Wetzel county. The father has been a laboring man during his life and is now a mail carrier. These parents have had ten children, of whom eight are still living, Alfred M. being the oldest. The latter began life at the age of eighteen as a clerk in a store for U. S. Marshal White. This business he continued for eight years, when he entered into partnership with W. B. Pettit, under the firm name of Pettit & Crow. They did business together for two years when the senior partner bought the store. Mr. Crow then went into business for himself, dealing in general merchandise, both at Littleton and Burton. He has met with decided success, having a large store and numerous customers, the whole having been built up by his good judgment and tact. About sixteen years since, while at Silver Hill, he was appointed postmaster, when he was a clerk for H. S. White, now United States marshal. He served at Silver Hill as postmaster for one term and is now on a third term as postmaster at Littleton. He has so conducted his official duties as to give general satisfaction. In 1880, Mr. Crow took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Jennie Johnson of this county. Five children have been born unto this union: Harry H., Walter, Blanche, Alice and Maggie. Both parents have been life long members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Crow is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F.

J. A. Dopler is a native of Allegheny county, Penn., dating his birth from March 7, 1862. His parents are John and Sophia (Erban) Dopler, the father a native of France, and the mother of Switzerland. Each came to this country when only about six years of age. The father first started as a glass blower in Pittsburg, later embarked in mercantile pursuits and finally wound up as a farmer which is his business at present. He was quite successful in all his undertakings. He and wife have had twelve children, of whom eleven still survive. J. A. Dopler, as soon as he reached his majority, began clerking in a country store in Tyler county. He remained at this business for sixteen years when he bought a buhr mill which he subsequently improved by the substitution of the full roller process in 1889. This mill has done and is doing a constantly increasing business which compels it to run without cessation. They exchange more than 100 bushels a day and rarely catch up with their orders. Mr. Dopler was married in January, 1880, to Miss Virginia B., daughter of Michael and Catherine Moore, of Wetzel county. They have two bright children, Chauncey M. and Graydon. Mrs. Dopler is a member of the Disciples church, and the family is highly esteemed.

R. B. Grimm, M. D., a well known physician of Wetzel county, W. Va., is a native of Pennsylvania, being born in Green county, May 27, 1837. His parents were Christian and Dorcas (Carpenter) Grimm, the father being a native of Switzerland, and the mother of Sullivan county, N. Y. The father was a successful farmer, and died in 1885, at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife survived him three years, and was killed May 30, 1888, while crossing the Ohio river railroad, the engineer failing to give the usual signal. At the time of this untoward accident, this lady had reached the venerable age of eighty-two years, but was still excellently preserved in body and mind. She was the mother of four children, all of whom are living. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of Pennsylvania, later attended school in West Virginia, read medicine in the former state with Dr. T. T. Williams, later attended medical lectures at New York and Washington, practiced three years with Dr. Samuel Austinroe, of Geneva Medical college. Dr. Grimm came to Wetzel county from the hospitals in 1863, and began at once the practice of his profession, and has continued in active pursuit of the same to the present time. He has been eminently successful, and is ranked among the best physicians of the state. He was one of the original members of the medical society of the Ohio valley, and is an active member of the same. March 5, 1867, Dr. Grimm was united in matrimony to Miss Martha J., daughter of Hon. William A. and S. J. Newman, late of Wheeling, W. Va. The union has resulted in the birth of five children: W. M., S. S., May, Robert B. and

A. Tennyson. The parents and children together constitute a very happy family circle, and they have many friends. Mrs. Grimm is a member of the Episcopalian church, and the doctor is fraternally associated with Sharon lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F.

S. B. Hall, a leading attorney, was born in Wetzel county, W. Va., October 28, 1856. He was a son of Leonard S. and Jeannette (McGregor) Hall. His father was a lawyer, and practiced in Wetzel and adjoining counties until the war, during which he was located at Richmond, Va. In 1861, he was elected delegate to the secession convention, at Richmond, which was to decide whether or not the state should secede. He was a member of the Virginia legislature many times before the war. After that event he resumed the practice of law in Wetzel county, which he kept up until his death, November 18, 1875, at the age of about fifty-one. His wife is still living at the age of sixty-nine. They had five children, all still living, viz.: Septemius, William McG., Sue B., wife of J. W. Newman; S. Bruce and Ada B., wife of W. P. Baggs. Our subject was educated in the common schools, winding up at the college in Waynesburg, Penn. Afterward he attended law lectures at the university of Virginia, and began practice in New Martinsville in 1881. He taught school for several terms, and was principal of Magnolia high-school for some time. He practices in all the adjoining counties and in the federal and supreme courts, now taking rank among the leading lawyers of the state. He is attorney for the Ohio River railroad company, and as a citizen, is ranked among the enterprising and progressive. His marriage took place in May, 1887, to Miss Kate Hornbrook, daughter of Theodore and Lucy H. Hornbrook. Mrs. Hall is a graduate of the Wheeling female college, class of '82, and is a lady of many accomplishments. Their union has been blessed with the birth of two bright children, Kent and Lucy. The mother is a member of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Hall is connected with the Masonic lodge, of which he is secretary. The family rank among the best socially, and the members enjoy extensive popularity.

George S. Leininger is a native of Stark county, Ohio, where his birth took place June 9, 1826, the parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Slusser) Leininger. His father was a well-known farmer in Ohio, Stark county, but moved to Illinois in 1855, where he died at the age of seventy-four; his wife is still living and well preserved at the advanced age of eighty-five. Both were members of the Evangelical church. They had a large family of children, but only three of the sons now survive. One of these is George S., who commenced his business career at twenty-one as teacher of a school, which he pursued successfully for four terms. Subsequently he clerked for two years, then went to the farm where he continued for thirty-two years, and then embarked

in the milling business. He resides near New Martinsville, W. Va., on a well cultivated farm of 180 acres, besides which he owns one of 306 acres in Hanover county, near Richmond, Va. He was first married November 5, 1850, to Miss Catharine Rowland, who became the mother of fifteen children, ten of whom still survive: Henry (deceased), Ada, wife of Isaac Miller; Lewis T. (deceased), was married to Sarah Hibphmar and left two children, one son and one daughter; Laura L., wife of R. A. Lindsay; Harrison is married to Mary Herberger, and has six children; Flora L.; Harriet, wife of Martin L. Bricker; Emma K.; George W. is married to Florence A. Finck; Jacob J.; Charles E., Lizzie (deceased) and Jennie E. Charles B. and Grace are children of Lewis T., who died in 1880, and they reside with their grandparents. Mrs. Leininger died October 19, 1886, aged fifty-seven years, and a member of the Advent church. Mr. Leininger was again married April 29, 1890, to Mrs. Hannah Breckenridge, of Mogadore, Ohio, whose maiden name was Geib. Mr. Leininger is a member of the Advent church, and his wife a member of the Grace Reformed church. She is a native of Summit county, Ohio. Lately Mr. Leininger has made a start in the breeding of fine stock, and has the full-blooded registered Jerseys, and also the Chester White hogs.

A. J. Lemley, one of the leading physicians of Wetzel county, located at Burton, was born in Monongalia county, W. Va., May 24, 1856, his parents being John S. and Elizabeth (Hinegardner) Lemley. His father is a farmer and was formerly one of the commissioners of the county, but is now retired from business. These parents had eight children, six of whom are now living. At the age of twenty-one years, the subject of this sketch began life for himself as a teacher. He kept at that business for some six or seven years and was so successful that his services were in general demand. When twenty-six years old he began studying medicine under his brother, W. H. Lemley, who is a practitioner at Uniontown. Our subject attended the college of physicians and surgeons in Baltimore and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1885. He practiced for a few months at Uniontown and subsequently removed to Burton where he has followed his profession ever since with success. He is well read in medicine, is doing a good business and bids fair to become one of the most successful physicians of the county. Dr. Lemley was married August 3, 1887, to Miss Sallie A., daughter of Levi Hoge, an old and respected resident of Wetzel county. One child named Frederick Leigh has been born to this union. Mrs. Lemley is a member of the Baptist church and she and husband have many warm friends.

Ira C. Moore, member of the firm of Moore & Bro., was born in Tyler county, February 27, 1860, his parents being Shriver and

Adeline W. (Hanies) Moore, both still living in the county above mentioned. The father came to West Virginia from Pennsylvania with his parents in 1848, settling in Tyler county on a farm. He was a captain, and later promoted to the rank of major in the Fourteenth West Virginia infantry. He served three years and a half and was wounded in the right hand at the battle of Cloyd's Mountain, for which he now receives a pension. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, seven of whom still survive. Ira C. Moore began life at the age of nineteen in the saw-milling business, also teaching during the intervals. In 1889 he embarked in the newspaper business at Middlebourne, as editor of the *Tyler County Star*. He continued this for more than a year when he sold out and purchased an interest in the *Wetzel Republican*, which paper he has been publishing ever since. Mr. Moore was married in 1883 to Miss Amanda J., daughter of Henderson and Roxana Sandy, of Tyler county. They have four children, viz.: Ida O., Grace E. (deceased), Lloyd E. and Melvin S. Both parents are members of the Disciples church, and Mr. Moore also belongs to the order of S. of V.

Michael Moore was born in Marshall county, W. Va., his parents being Jacob and Annie (Culp) Moore. The father served in the war of 1812, but peace was declared before the regiment reached the scene of hostilities. His death occurred in 1876, at the age of eighty-seven, and the death of his wife took place in 1872, at the age of seventy-eight. They were the parents of nine children, eight of whom still survive. Michael Moore began life in the farming business, but later embarked in mercantile pursuits, which business is now carried on by his sons, Clement L. and Charles R. He has been very successful in his different enterprises and is one of the leading men in his part of the county. March 15, 1855, he married Miss Catherine, daughter of Gilbert and Susanna Matlin, of Belmont county, Ohio. They have been the parents of twelve children: Jennie, wife of J. A. Dopler, Eva and Emma (twins), Clement L., Alice, Sheldon C., Michael (deceased), Charles R., Clarence and Catherine E. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Baptist church, while her husband and four of the children belong to the Disciples denomination. The family are widely known and have hosts of good friends.

Sylvester Myers, station agent and telegraph operator at Littleton, may properly be described as one of those valuable people known as clever men. He always has a pleasant smile and a kind word for those about him, and is especially noted for his courtesy to strangers. Mr. Myers is a native of Marion county, W. Va., where he was born July 9, 1861. He is a son of Nelson and Susanna (Glover) Myers. The father is a lumber dealer at Logville and also a manufacturer of lumber, giving un-

divided attention to his business. They had five children, four of whom are still living. Sylvester was educated at Glover's Gap, and started out for himself at the age of sixteen, first clerking in a store belonging to Mr. Hager, where he remained for one year. He then began the assiduous study of telegraphy, which he pursued with diligence, and in which he made rapid progress. He first operated at Littleton at night for nearly a year, when he went to Colfax as agent and day operator. After two years' service there he was appointed agent and operator at Littleton. He also served for a while as stenographer in a train dispatcher's office. He came to Littleton, April 1, 1890, with a decided increase in salary and is furnished with an assistant. Mr. Myers is considered one of the best operators on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and as a citizen stands in the front rank. In fact, both socially and as a business man, he is of the the kind that is an advantage to any community. October 2, 1882, Mr. Myers was happily married to Miss Frances, daughter of Jacob Carpenter, of Noble county, Ohio. They have had five children: Laura M., Clyde, deceased William C., Walter M. and Thurman H. Mr. Myers is a member of the Baptist and his wife of the Christian church, and he is connected fraternally with the I. O. O. F.

J. W. Newman is a native of Washington county, Ohio, where he dates his birth April 9, 1852. He is a son of William A. and Sarah J. (Donaldson) Newman. The subject of our sketch was educated at Parkersburg, and the Normal school at Fairmont. He taught school for seven years, when he was elected clerk of the circuit court of Wetzel county, and by re-election, has served in that office for twelve years, making an excellent official all the time. His office is conducted with integrity and efficiency which shows him to be the right man in the right place. In 1880, Mr. Newman married Miss Sue, daughter of Leonard and Janet Hall, old and well-known citizens of the county. One child, William Leonard, has been the fruit of this union. Alexander Newman, our subject's grandfather, was in his day, a prominent man in West Virginia. He published the first paper at Wheeling, which was then called the *Argus*. He was postmaster of that city prior to 1849. In the last mentioned year he was elected to congress, but died in Pittsburg with the cholera before taking his seat. William A. Newman, father of our subject, was superintendent of schools in Wetzel county, for eight years, being the third officer of that kind under the new organization of the state. When he was first elected, there were only three resident teachers in the county, but before he quit office, all the teachers were selected from home talent. Mrs. Newman, wife of our subject, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. He, himself, is connected with the Masonic order, and personally is an

exceedingly clever and genial gentleman. He has one of the nicest residences in New Martinsville, and all the surroundings indicate a happy and typical American home.

Thomas Pendergast is a native of Wetzel county, where he was born August 15, 1859. He is a son of Michael and Mary (Riley) Pendergast, both from county Mayo, Ireland. They emigrated to this country in the fifties and the former first settled in Milledgeville, Ga., where he was engaged in ditching and draining. He frequently had control of gangs of negro slaves when working for planters of that region. He staid there for eight years, then came to Cumberland, where he took part in building the B. & O. R. R. Later he embarked in the saloon and hotel business at Cottontown, W. Va. He came to Littleton in 1864 when there was but one store and bought out the business from J. B. Ferrill, which he continued until his failure in 1879, having lost about $10,000 in fifteen years. Both parents are yet living and honored residents of Littleton. Of their five children only three are living, viz.: Thomas, Maggie (deceased at the age of twenty-seven); Mary A., Michael and Patrick, deceased. At the age of twenty-one, the subject of this sketch began life for himself and worked at various pursuits such as clerking, railroading, etc. He worked for a period of two years or more at telegraphing, and from 1884 until '90 he was engaged as watchman for the B. & O. R. R. Co. Since then he has been night operator in the B. & O. office at Littleton. The family belong to the Catholic church and enjoy a numerous circle of friends. This young man was elected a member of the town council last July and was re-elected town recorder on January last. The family are all members of the democratic party.

J. T. Rohrbough, a prominent lumber dealer, was born in what is now Upshur county, W. Va., March 2, 1843. His parents were Henry and Eliza (Walker) Rohrbough, the first mentioned of Switzerland, and the mother a Virginian by birth, her parents being of English and German lineage. When about grown, the father came with his parents to America, settling with the family in Hardy county, Va. He was a wagonmaker by trade and is reputed to have made the first vehicle of that kind that crossed the mountains on the old Seneca stage route. He came to the Ohio valley in a very early day and his first wife was Myram Post. Before he was five years of age, the subject of this sketch lost both of his parents by death, which event took place in 1847. There were three children but only Jacob T. survives. He was taken care of up to the age of eighteen by Anthony Rohrbough, a distant relative. After the age mentioned, he worked on a farm for a year and then enlisted in Company E, First West Virginia cavalry under Col. Annis Ansel. He served in that regiment for three years, dating from February 22, 1862. He

took part in many battles in the valley of Virginia and the eastern part of the state, including the famous engagements at Cedar Mountain, Bull Run and Fredericksburg. Our subject took part with his regiment on the bloody field of Gettysburg where they lost their captain, W. M. Harris. While serving with the cavalry at Gettysburg, Mr. Rohrbough had a horse shot from under him. After the war he worked in a saw-mill for the Parkersburg Mill Co., where he remained four months and then took charge of a mill on the B. & O. R. R. He came to Wetzel county in 1869, which has since been his residence. At present he owns a mill in Marshall county and an interest in another mill, besides some real estate. December 3, 1867, he married Mrs. Sarah O'Brien, of Wood county, who has borne him nine children, viz.: William T., Augusta, Charles (deceased), Ida M., Cassie A., Katie, Pemie, Luella and Sallie. Peter O'Brien, Mrs. Rohrbough's first husband, was a soldier in the Civil war and was killed instantly by a shot in the head, July 18, 1863, at Snicker's Ferry. He had three children: George (deceased), Mary and Hattie. Mrs. Rohrbough, then Mrs. O'Brien, accompanied her husband for ten months during his service in the army. She was engaged in cooking, washing and other work suitable to women. She became very popular with the soldiers during those trying times by furnishing them with food as they passed to their places of destination on the cars. She is a member of the Baptist church and a most excellent woman in every respect. Her present husband, Jacob Rohrbough, was a candidate for the legislature during the last campaign against the present incumbent, Aaron Morgan, the latter being the democratic candidate. As the last mentioned party has a majority of 800 in the county, Morgan was elected, though he was cut down 300 votes below the full party strength.

H. R. Thompson is a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and dates his birth from March 17, 1841. He is a son of Gore and Mary (Rutledge) Thompson, both natives of Ireland, where they were married and had three children before coming to America, in 1832. They first settled in Pennnsylvania, came to Ohio county in 1840, where they reared a family and departed this life, the father in 1881, aged seventy-seven, and the mother in 1876, aged sixty-seven. They moved to Ohio county, Va., in 1845, and to Wetzel county in 1862. They had eight children, of whom Henry R. was the seventh. They were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church from childhood, and their home was for more than a generation the stopping place for the ministry. The subject of this sketch, when twenty-one years old, began life as a clerk and salesman. He ranks high in his line of business, and his services are always in demand. He has held his present position as clerk of the firm, Robinson & Son, at Littleton, for

the past three years In 1861, Mr. Thompson married Miss Cecelia, daughter of J. and Ellen Bruner, of Ohio county. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the former is steward. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows' lodge, and is a model citizen in every respect. John D., an older brother of Henry, enlisted in 1861, in Company E, First West Virginia infantry, and served during the war. He took part in the battles of Winchester, Snicker's Gap and many other engagements, having his belt shot off at one time. He was captured at Moorefield, Va., taken to Belle Isle, and was there under fire of the Federal guns for many months, but escaped without injury. He married Miss Mary Anderson, and they have two children, Oella and Carl. John D. Thompson is an excellent and honored citizen, which may generally be said to be the truth of all men who made good soldiers. He was elected clerk of the county court of Wetzel, W. Va., November 4, 1890.

W. S. Wiley, editor and proprietor of the *Wetzel Democrat*, and a leading attorney of the county, is a native of Belmont county, Ohio, where he was born October 7, 1845. His parents were John and Rebecca (Polk) Wiley, and they had a family of four children, three still living. Mr. Wiley, who is the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools of Ohio, and commenced life as a teacher in Monroe county, Ohio, at the age of seventeen. He went through seven terms with entire satisfaction to the patrons, and then embarked in the mercantile business, which he followed for several years. While teaching he studied law for two years at Cameron, Ohio. In 1872 he came to Wetzel county, and pursued the business of merchandising at a point on Fishing creek now called Wileyville, named after our subject. By the flood of 1875 in Fishing creek, he lost heavily in timber, after which he resumed the study of the law, and was admitted to the bar in the summer of 1876. In the fall of 1876 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the county, which office he held for three successive terms, making twelve years in all. In December, 1877, in connection with Robert McEldowney, as associate editor, and L. Long as publisher, he established the *Wetzel Democrat*. The paper has been published and managed by the above mentioned staff up to the present time, and Mr. Wiley is the owner and editor. He has a good law practice in connection with his newspaper business. He is a member of the board of directors and second largest stockholder in the Wetzel County bank. He is prominent and influential in the ranks of his party and takes much interest in politics.

J. W. Wiltshire is a native of Jefferson county, W. Va., where he was born November 21, 1863, a son of D. H. and Sarah J. (Burr) Wiltshire. The father is engaged in agricultural pursuits

near Charlestown, and is a prominent man of his county, well and favorably known. For a number of years he served as deputy sheriff under W. A. Morgan, and was one of the commissioners of the county court before the constitution of the state was changed. His father, John C., was one of the honored pioneers of Jefferson county, who died many years since. He married Camilla Davenport, who was a descendant of one of the oldest families in that section. She survived her husband about a year. D. S. and Sarah Wiltshire are both church members, the father a Baptist and the mother a Presbyterian. Of their seven children, six are still living. J. W. Wiltshire began life for himself when twenty-three years old, at which time he entered the office of Mr. Brown of Charlestown and commenced the study of law. He graduated at the state university in the class of 1884, after which he returned to the office for a year and was then admitted to the bar, having passed his examination satisfactorily before the supreme court of the state. In 1886 he began the practice of law at Burton, and has since steadily followed his profession with merited success. He practices before all the courts of Monongalia, Marion, Marshall and Wetzel counties. He has good ability and is looked upon as one of the rising young lawyers of that portion of the state. He is a democrat in politics and fills all the requirements of good citizenship.

Jefferson N. Wyatt, sheriff of Wetzel county, was born there July 31, 1858, his parents being Augusta and Lucinda (Hostetter) Wyatt. These parents had ten children, viz.: Sarah J., wife of Levi Eckelberry; William J., Rachel A., wife of E. Hayes; Jefferson N., Massa A., wife of Thomas Gorby; Phebe, wife of Dennis Ice; Louisa B., Melissa A., Aipheus L., and Pleasant B. Jefferson commenced the battle with life at the age of twenty as a teacher which was his pursuit for ten terms. He continued this vocation until he was elected sheriff in the fall of 1888, which position he will hold until January, 1893. As sheriff, Mr. Wyatt has given a high degree of satisfaction to his constituents, having conducted the office with integrity and a strict regard for business. February 24, 1889, he was united in wedlock to Miss Ella, daughter of F. S. and Sarah Snodgrass, of Wetzel county. These parents are both living and respected residents of their community. Mrs. Wyatt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Wyatt belongs to the I. O. O. F., and enjoys a high degree of popularity both in his official and private capacities.

TYLER COUNTY.

Benjamin Engle, who is one of the leading attorneys of Middlebourne, was born in 1848, his parents being Christian and

Amy (Hartley) Engle. He was reared to manhood in the place of his nativity, where he was educated in the common and select schools, and at the early age of fifteen years entered the office of his father, clerk of the circuit court, was subsequently appointed his deputy, and while so serving studied law. This mode of life continued until 1880, when Mr. Engle began the practice of his chosen profession and by hard work and strict attention to business, has built up a large practice. In 1873 he inter-married with Nancy, daughter of Judge Thomas I. and Caroline Stealey. The following children were born to them, viz.: Paul, Thomas and Amy. Mrs. Engle was born and reared in Middlebourne, and she and her husband are esteemed by all who know them.

C. Engle, the present efficient circuit clerk of Tyler county, is a native of Green county, Penn., where he was born in 1817, his parents being Ezra and Nancy (Black) Engle. The father was born in Fredricktown, Md., the son of Peter Engle, a native of Saxony, who came to North America in 1749. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, after which great event he settled temporarily at Fredericktown, but soon afterward removed across the Cumberland mountains. Subsequently he returned to Fredericktown, where he remained about two years, and then removed to Greene county, Penn., which was the scene of his death. Our subject's father was raised in Pennsylvania, and was drafted during the war of 1812, but being a fine gunsmith was left at work in the shop, where he remained until the close of the war. After the war he removed to Greensboro, where he remained until 1838, when he removed to Middlebourne, W. Va. The latter place was his home for several years, at the end of which time he removed to the farm in Tyler county, where he remained until death. The subject of our sketch lived in Pennsylvania until he reached his majority. He was educated in the pioneer school-houses, and in 1840 united his fortunes for life to Miss Amy Hartley, daughter of Peter and Lydia Hartley. Her father was also an early settler of Tyler county, and was drafted as a soldier in 1812, but the war closed before he saw any active service. The marriage of our subject proved a happy one, and he became the father of the following children: Laura, Lydia, Benjamin, Peter H. and Nancy. The mother of these children was born in Greensboro, Penn., and was a woman of strong as well as amiable traits of character. Mr. Engle and wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1848 he entered the clerk's office as deputy under David Hickman, in which position he served until 1863. At the date last mentioned, Mr. Hickman's death occurred, and Mr. Engle was elected to succeed him as clerk of the circuit court. He has been re-elected continuously ever since. These facts would be sufficient of themselves to indicate that Mr. Engle enjoys the confidence of the

substantial yeomanry of Tyler county, and it gives us pleasure to add that, both as an official and a citizen, he ranks among the best in all the walks of life.

Dr. J. L. Gillispie, the oldest physician of Sistersville, is a native of eastern Virginia, his parents being David and Margaret (Sanders) Gillispie. Our subject was reared on a farm and received his early education in private schools. He acted as principal of the Roanoke Classical and Scientific institute in Clarksville, and was afterward professor of modern languages at St. James college, in Maryland, and attended the examinations at Randolph-Mason college, where he graduated with high honors. Subsequently he attended medical lectures at the University of Virginia, from which institution he was graduated in 1851. In 1866 he was also graduated at the Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia. After graduating in 1851 he began the practice of his profession in Page county, Va., where he remained until the breaking out of the civil war. The doctor was a Union man, loyally devoted to his country, and the sentiment became so strong against him that he was compelled to leave his native state. He went to Washington, where he entered the military service as assistant surgeon of the First Virginia regiment. At a later period our subject was appointed surgeon in the corps commanded by W. S. Hancock. He served from 1862 until the end of the war, after which he was stationed in Philadelphia until May, 1866. He is commander of post 68, department West Virginia, G. A. R. He was president of the board of examining surgeons, United States pension department, at Sistersville, for two years. By reason of a severe spell of sickness he was compelled to resign, and his son was appointed in his place. In 1868 he removed to Iowa, where he remained five years, and then returned to Sistersville, which, with that exception, has been his home ever since 1864. In 1838 Dr. Gillispie was happily married to Miss Mary Hall, of Fredericksburg, Va. The union was blessed with the birth of three children, two of whom are living, namely: William H. and Harriet B., the latter being the wife of George W. Stocking. Since the formation of the republican party, Dr. Gillispie has been an ardent and uncompromising member of that famous organization, and at every opportunity fearlessly advocates its policies and principles. So strong were his convictions and so bold his advocacy of the same, that in 1861 he was arrested for treason against the southern confederacy, but managed to obtain his discharge under a writ of habeas corpus. At a later period he was again arrested at Orange Court House, Va., and was thrown into prison. It was the intention to take the doctor off for confinement in the famous Libby prison den, but he managed to escape in the middle of the night, and made his way to Washington, where he entered the Union army

as above described. Dr. Gillispie is the oldest practicing physician in the county. During his military service he proved himself to be a good and loyal soldier, and was with his regiment during all of its hard marches and engagements. As a citizen the doctor ranks among the best, and both by his personal and professional character has earned and enjoys the esteem of a very extensive acquaintance.

O. W. O. Hardman, sheriff of Tyler county, was born in 1850, son of Henry H. and Amanda (Wells) Hardman. His father was born in Harrison county, in 1814, and his mother was the daughter of William and Margaret (Ankrum) Wells, being a native of Tyler county. Our subject received his early education in the common schools of Tyler county. When he was fourteen years of age, his father met with an accident which caused his death, which event took place in the year 1864. He came to Tyler county in 1832 and was for many years the deputy clerk, also acting as sheriff of the county for several years. In 1886, our subject was married to Lydia A. Peterson, daughter of S. M. Peterson. The union resulted in the birth of two children, but Benjamin is the only one now living. Mrs. Hardman is a native of Wood county, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1876, Mr. Hardman was elected as member of the house of delegates from Tyler county. He served from 1880 until 1884, as deputy sheriff under Thomas Smith, and in 1888, was elected as sheriff of the county. He is prominent in politics as a republican, and stands well as a citizen.

John Hays, deceased, was one of the pioneers of Tyler county. His birth took place in Kent county, Md., in 1788, his parents being Henry and Evy (Cothers) Hays. Henry Hays was a native of Germany, while his wife owed her nativity to the Emerald Isle. He was a soldier during the Revolutionary war, holding the position of drummer and fifer. After the war he came to Monroe county, Ohio, and settled on what is now Sunfish creek, and from there to West Virginia, entering 300 acres of land, where his children now live, on the river one mile north of Friendly. He settled on this land about 1790, when the whole country was covered with the primeval forest growth. There were only seven houses from Martinsville to Benn's Run, a distance of twenty miles. The incoming pioneer built his little log cabin in the unbroken forest, and began to clear out a farm. They suffered all the usual hardships peculiar to the pioneer generally, their principal food being corn bread and wild meat, such as deer, bear, etc. They had to go several miles to mill and had to carry their salt on pack saddles across the mountains. In spite of all these disadvantages they finally triumphed, and the result in time was a large and productive farm. People nowadays can with difficulty realize the work and

privation necessary to produce such results as these and to gain such victories as that achieved by Henry Hays in the formerly impenetratable wilds of the Ohio valley. The subject of our sketch came to West Virginia with his parents when quite a lad, and grew to manhood on a farm. He was deprived of the benefits derived from an early education. Hard daily labor was such a necessity in those days that little time was found to attend schools. Boys who were capable of work were generally kept at home to assist in clearing and grubbing. In 1814 John Hays was married to Priscilla Massey, daughter of John and Sarah (Coleman) Massey. Her father was born in Kent county, Md., of French parentage. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, being a small boy at the time. His father was Peter Massey, a native of France. To the union of our subject eleven children were born, of whom four are still living: Sallie, wife of Jerry Keck, who had ten children, all of whom are dead except Simon; William, Alexander, and Nancy, who is the wife of John B. Grimm. The mother was born in this county in 1798, and has been for over fifty years a devout member of the Christian church. This venerable lady now makes her home with her son, Alexander. The last mentioned was born in 1832, and lived to manhood on the farm where he now resides. He had no opportunity to attend school in youth. In 1860 he married Nancy A. Bowler, daughter of John and Catherine (Fry) Bowler. She came to West Virginia with her grandparents, John and Mary Fry, her parents being deceased. Ten children were born to this union, of whom the following six are living: Susan B., wife of Ephraim Knowlton, who has two children, Lily B., and and Nettie A.; Cordelia, Samuel, Charles R., Henry O. and Otto E. The mother of these children was born in Greene county, Penn., and came with her parents to West Virginia in 1851, when she was just eleven years of age. She is the only one of her family now living. Mr. Hays and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He owns ninety-one acres of the old homestead farm, but in addition to his farming business he runs a ferry which his father formerly managed and which his son, Alexander, bought in 1868, and which he has had charge of ever since. His mother, who makes her home with him, was ninety-three years of age, January 1, 1891, but still is in the enjoyment of perfect health, and bids fair to reach one hundred years. When a young girl she did the rough work of a man, such as plowing, harvesting, log-rolling, etc. Mr. Alexander Hays, the son with whom she makes her home, is a staunch republican in politics; is an excellent citizen in every respect, and enjoys general esteem.

David Hickman, who holds the important and honorable position of clerk of Tyler county, is a gentleman of promin-

ence, influence and popularity. His birth occurred in Tyler county, his parents being David and Nancy (Wells) Hickman. The father was born in Loudoun county, Va., and was a son of Adam and Mercy Hickman, who came to Harrison county at an early day, where the father of our subject was reared. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812, at the close of which he came to Tyler county, and settled in Middlebourne. Afterward he married in that place and raised a family of nine children, including our subject. The elder Hickman served as clerk of the circuit and county courts for forty-seven years, when he positively refused to hold the position any longer. It was a place of great honor and trust, and only the most substantial and popular citizens were elected to this office during the palmy days of the "Old Dominion." David Hickman died in 1863, after a useful and profitable life. His son, who is the subject of our sketch, was educated in the common schools of Tyler county. In 1866, he was married to Sarah E., daughter of William I. and Martha (Staley) Boreman. Unto this union three children were born, namely: Martha B., wife of L. E. Smith, Francis R. and Catherine B. The mother of these children is a native of Tyler county, and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1868, Mr. Hickman was elected recorder of Tyler county, and in 1872, was chosen to the position of clerk of the county court, which office he has held continuously ever since. From 1864 to 1868, he was clerk of the board of supervisors. He has always given satisfaction in the discharge of his official duties, and is regarded as one of the best clerks in the state, being widely known and highly esteemed.

George Mason, a prominent farmer of Tyler county, was born in 1813, in Greene county, Penn., his parents being James and Mary (Seers) Mason. The father was a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, but settled in Pennsylvania at an early day and remained there until his death, which occurred in 1869, in his eighty-fifth year. When he arrived in this country as an emigrant, he was exceedingly poor, but being industrious he succeeded well and finally became the owner of a large tract of land in his adopted state. His son, George Mason, was reared in the state of Pennsylvania, where he attended school in the old fashioned log house of those days. In 1836, he was united in marriage with Maria Mitchell, which union resulted in the birth of four children: Ezra S., Shadrick M., James P. and John A. Mrs. Mason was a native of Pennsylvania, being born in Greene county in 1814, and she departed this life in December, 1886. She was a devout member of the Christian church. Mr. Mason deservedly ranks as a substantial farmer of Tyler county, and has been quite prosperous in business. He owns about 1,200 acres of land, and is a lender of money. During his life time he

has been actively engaged in business matters, and has accumulated money in a way to reflect credit upon his good judgment and discernment. The county has no worthier citizen than George Mason.

James L. Maxton, one of the prominent stock dealers of Tyler county, is a native of Pennsylvania and son of Lewis and Mary (Beyers) Maxton. They, as well as their grandparents before them, were natives of Chester county, Penn. Our subject was reared in the last mentioned county, where he obtained a good education, and for many years was one of heavy dealers in railroad stock. In 1873, during the panic caused by the failure of Jay Cooke & Co., he lost nearly everything he had, and in 1874, formed a partnership with S. H. and R. Baker, which firm went heavily into the lumber business. Our subject came to West Virginia and settled where he now lives, in which vicinity his company bought 1,400 acres of heavily timbered land. They took the timber from this land, had the same cleared and converted it into farming and grazing land. The partnership continued until 1882, when a dissolution occurred and in the settlement, our subject took 400 acres Ohio river front, where he now lives, and began to handle stock. He is now one of the largest stock-raisers and grazers in Tyler county. In 1886 he again formed a partnership with S. H. Baker and bought several different tracts of timber which they cut out. The firm owns many acres of land near Marietta, Ohio, and the great oil field of Belmont, W. Va. Mr. Maxton is now giving his attention to raising the Delane Merino sheep, which specialty he undertook about five years ago, and now has the finest flock of sheep in Tyler county. He married Miss Ella Hoagland of New Jersey, whose great-grandfather built the first brick house in New York city, having brought the brick from Holland for the purpose. Mrs. Maxton is a devout member of the church, and her husband is a member in good standing of the Masonic order. In 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Ninth regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, served three months and was in the emergency service in the battle of Gettysburg. Mr. Maxton is generally conceded to be one of the most progressive and enterprising citizen of Tyler county.

Robert McCormick is universally recognized as one of the most enterprising and wide-awake business men of Sistersville. He was born and reared in Tyler county, W. Va., his parents being William and Jane (Corbitt) McCormick. He was reared on the farm and his education obtained in youth was only of a limited character. After he finished his school life he came to Sistersville and served an apprenticeship in the saddlery business under a Mr. Barr. After learning his trade he followed it at different places until 1867, when in partnership with John C. Morrison he bought out the business which was run by Mr. Barr

and continued the same for seventeen years. At the end of that time the firm began to branch out in other lines of business, and at the present writing controls the largest trade in Sistersville. Having quit the saddlery business after seventeen years, they established the furniture store in connection with which they handle tan-bark, railroad ties, coal and lumber, which furnishes employment to several teams, and besides they are extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising. When the firm began business in 1867 they each had $200, but that being entirely insufficient for a mercantile capital, they each borrowed a small sum of money at 10 per cent. interest, which they paid at the end of the first year. By close application to business they soon built up a good trade and have been prosperous from the start. In 1885 our subject married Hattie B., daughter of Hugh B. Hill. The union was blessed with the birth of two children, Eloise and Mary Jane. Mrs. McCormick was born in Woodsfield, Monroe county, Ohio, and is a lady of many estimable traits of character. She and her husband are members of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. McCormick acts as deacon. The family reside in a beautiful home and enjoy the highest social rank as well as universal popularity in the community where they reside.

Simon Parker, a prominent farmer and descendant of one of the pioneer families of Tyler county, was born in 1829, on the farm where he now lives. His parents were Clawson and Rebecca (Taylor) Parker, the father being a native of Hampshire county, W. Va., where he remained until 1817, when he removed with his family in wagons to what is now Tyler county. The distance traveled was about 160 miles, and fourteen days were consumed in the passage. On arrival, he settled in the woods and cleared the farm which is now occupied by his son, the subject of this sketch. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father was Robert Parker, a pioneer settler of West Virginia. The mother of our subject was born and reared in Hampshire county, and was a daughter of John Taylor. Her grandfather was killed by the Indians at an early day, near Moundsville. Our subject was brought up on the farm which is now his place of residence. In youth he received a limited education in the log school-house. In 1854 he was united in marriage to Harriet Burris, daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Riggs) Burris, who were among the first settlers in Tyler county. The union resulted in the birth of thirteen children, of whom ten are living, viz.: Rebecca, William, Jennie, Joseph, Lemuel, Selmon, Herbert, Emmett, Quitman O. and Mary V. The mother of these children was born in Washington county, Ohio, and her parents removed to Texas in 1840, when she was but six years of age. Her parents both died in Texas, where she remained eleven years, and then returned to her native state shortly after which she

went to Pleasants county, W. Va., where she lived until her marriage. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Parker owns 314 acres of fine river bottom land, which is the old homestead farm. It is well improved and managed with good judgment. Mr. Parker ranks as one of the leading and well-to-do citizens of Tyler county.

J. S. Pierpoint, a prominent young farmer of Tyler county, was born in Monongalia county, W. Va., his parents being Zackquill and Vylinda (Stillwell) Pierpoint. Our subject was reared on the farm, and during youth received the ordinary common school education. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Mary R. Zear, and the union resulted in the birth of five children, of whom four are living, viz.: Pliny L., Walter L., Grover C. and Earl C. Mr. Pierpoint and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Masonic order. Mr. Pierpoint makes a specialty of breeding Galloway cattle and Shropshire Down sheep, of which he has some very fine specimens now on his farm. Beginning life without anything of consequence, he has managed by hard work and good management to accumulate considerable property, and now owns 330 acres of good land which is one of the best improved farms in Tyler county. The family ranks high socially, and Mr. Pierpoint is esteemed as one of the most enterprising citizens of the county.

William M. Powell, a prominent farmer of Tyler county, was born in Taylor county in 1835, his parents being Elijah and Sarah (Cather) Powell. The father was born in Taylor county in 1808, and resided there during his life. The subject of this sketch was reared in the county of his nativity and remained there until 1860, when he removed to Tyler, which has since been his home. His education was obtained in the usual channels, the acquirements of the old time school-house having been largely added to in later years by means of books and papers. December 8, 1859, Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Emily A. Bartlett, daughter of John and Sarah Bartlett. Two children came to bless this union, but only Irwin, who was born May 9, 1868, is living. The other child, Clara, was born June 6, 1866, and died July 14, 1867. The mother was a native of Barbour county, W. Va., and was reared in the Baptist church of which she subsequently became a member. In 1861, Mr. Powell served as captain in the state militia, and in 1862 enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth West Virginia infantry. He served as first lieutenant of his company until 1863, and was then promoted to the captaincy, which rank he held at the close of the war. He served for two years as a member of the board of supervisors of Tyler county. He was a member of the state legislature during the session of 1868–69, and again in 1882. He was elected sheriff of

the county in 1876 and served until 1880, was again elected in 1884 and continued in the office for four years. He is now president of the board of education. Mr. Powell deserves much credit for the success in life that has followed his efforts, as he began practically without anything, his whole possessions, when he started out, being a horse and cow which his father gave him when he struck out for himself. He has led a life of industry, and now owns a good sized farm. Formerly he was quite a heavy landowner, but sold out much of his property. He is a leading republican politician of his county and deserves the title of estimable citizen.

John Riggle, a well-to-do farmer of Tyler county, is a native of Washington county, Penn., where he was born in 1839, his parents being Z. B. and Elizabeth (Hill) Riggle. The father was born in the county and state above mentioned in 1812, and was a son of George and Mary Riggle. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Spears) Hill, her father being of Irish descent. John Riggle was raised in Pennsylvania until thirteen years of age, receiving a limited education in the primitive school-house of those days. In 1863 he was married to Lydia Engle, daughter of Christian Engle, and the following children resulted from the union: Christian B., Charles E., and Clermont H. The mother, who was born and reared in Tyler county, was a lady of many excellent traits of character. In 1882 Mr. Riggle was employed to re-assess the lands of Tyler county, and for the past fifteen years has served as overseer of the poor. In 1882 the Tyler County Fair association was organized as a stock company and our subject served the first three years as treasurer of the society. In 1885 Mr. Riggle was elected secretary of this association and this position he has held since that time. It was in 1851 that the family came from Pennsylvania to West Virginia. They remained until 1866 when all removed to Kentucky except the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch. In 1867 he also followed the others to Kentucky, but only remained there one year, after which he returned to Tyler county and bought the farm where he now resides. When he purchased this land it contained no improvements except a small log house, but at present it ranks as one of the best improved farms in Ellsworth district. Mr. Riggle is one of the prominent and useful citizens of Tyler county. For many years his father was in the mercantile business at North Bend Mills, which he conducted in connection with a grist- and saw-mill. In 1860 our subject removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he entered business and conducted the same until 1863, when he returned to West Virginia. At that time the war was at its height and his politics being democratic, he was charged with being a "rebel sympathizer." He was arrested and thrown into prison where he was detained some two or three

weeks, but was subsequently released without serious consequences. In politics, Mr. Riggle ranks as a leader among the local democracy, and as a citizen he enjoys general good will and popularity.

Edward Roome, the popular proprietor of the Riverside Flouring Mill at Sistersville, was born in Washington county, Penn., his parents being William and Elizabeth (Ryan) Roome. The father was a native of Yorkshire, England, and emigrated to America when a young man. He settled in Pennsylvania where he only remained a short time and then removed to Ohio, where for several years he acted as stage agent on the old National Pike. His route was at first from Hillsborough, Penn., to Washington in the same state and afterward from Zanesville, Ohio, to Wheeling W. Va. He was married at Zanesville and became the father of nine children, four of whom still survive, namely, Edward, Charles H., Margaret and Francis H. The mother of these children was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to America at the same time with her future husband, settling at Zanesville. After his marriage, Mr. Roome came to Wheeling and drove his teams from that place to Washington, Penn., for ten or twelve years. At the end of that time he came to Marshall county where he engaged in farming and hotel keeping which he conducted for five years. In 1852 he came to Tyler county where he bought an unimproved farm which he cleared and put in good shape by the erection of necessary buildings. Unlike many other farmers of that day he did not go to raising tobacco but devoted his attention to grain and fine stock, and his example was afterward extensively followed by others. Our subject was reared mostly on the farm and recieved but a very limited education in the country schools. In 1871, he was united in marriage to Virginia, daughter of P. W. and Nancy Stocking. The result of this union was three children: Georgiana E., William W. and Mary A. The mother was born in the state of New York, but reared in Tyler county. After marrying, Mr. Roome took charge of the mill which was in a dilapidated condition at that time. He remained in charge of this property a few years and then retired to follow the business of farming and wharfboating for five years. He then returned to the mill and after taking charge a second time began to repair the property and finally prepared it for the standard roller process at an additional cost of $6,000. The property now possesses first-class equipments and will compare favorably with any similar establishment in this part of the state. Mr. Roome is a member of the Masonic order and both socially and as a business man ranks as a leading citizen of his community.

L. L. Stealey is a prominent and substantial business man of the town of Middlebourne, who ranks high in the community

where he resides. His parents were James and Nancy (Ankrum) Stealey. The father was born in 1799, in Clarksburg, W. Va., and came to the county of Tyler about 1820. Arrived there, he set himself up in the tannery business, which he continued until 1859, previous to which date he added a general store to his other business. In 1854 he transferred the latter to his sons and for nine years lived a retired life. About 1862 he entered the dry goods business in connection with his son and followed the same until his death, which occurred in 1879. In an early day when the old constitution of Virginia prevailed, he was elected sheriff by virtue of the law then prevailing, which devolved the duties of that office upon the justice of the peace who had served for the longest time. Mr. Stealey served as sheriff for many years and was also treasurer of the literary fund until 1856. He was a man of good moral standing and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Our subject was reared in the town of Middlebourne, where he attended school until twelve years of age, when he was put behind a counter to learn the business of merchandising. In 1857 he was married to Miss Mary H. Billingsley, daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Evans) Billingsley. This union resulted in the birth of the following children: Bell, Hattie, Henry O., George, Clarence, Robert, Jessie and Clinton F. Mr. Stealey and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In the fall of 1854 our subject took charge of the mercantile business in which he had grown up and has ever since that time conducted the same, enjoying a lucrative and increasing business all the time. Under the new constitution he was elected treasurer of Tyler county and held that office until it was abolished. He is a strong advocate of temperance and at one time allowed his name to be used as a candidate for membership of the board of supervisors when the question was "License or no license for the saloons in Middlebourne." He was elected on the temperance ticket by a good majority and it was principally through his unceasing efforts that Middlebourne was at last completely rescued from the saloon nuisance. He is recognized as the leading business man of the town and enjoys the confidence of the entire community both as a citizen and merchant.

Archibald Thistle, an old and prosperous business man of Sistersville, Tyler county, W. Va., was born in 1818, his parents being Sampson and Susan (Tomlison) Thistle. The father was a native of Ireland, but came to America with his parents when only eight years of age. He was a son of John and Margaret (Phillips) Thistle, of county Down, Ireland. The father of our subject was reared in Maryland until 1806. His birth took place June 27, 1781, and he came to the United States with his parents in 1789. His marriage took place in 1806, in which year he came to

West Virginia and settled on the river in what is now Wetzel county. He was the father of eleven children, all of whom lived to maturity. His maternal grandfather gave him a tract of land, but there being a fault in the title he afterward had to pay for the same. He cleared the place and converted it into a valuable farm. His grandfather, Tomlison, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and obtained the usual limited education in the school-house of the pioneers. In 1849 he was united in marriage to Catherine McCoy, daughter of John and Sarah (Wells) McCoy. Six children were born to them, of whom only one, Joseph L., is living. The mother was a native of this (Tyler) county, and during her life was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. Her death took place in 1863, and in 1865 Mr. Thistle took for his second wife Delilah, daughter of Nicholas and Rachael (Witten) Wells. She is a member of the Episcopalian church. In November, 1846, Mr. Thistle and his brother-in-law established a general merchandise business in Sistersville, which they conducted together for four years. At that time his brother bought a third interest which he retained for three years when he bought the interest of his brother-in-law who retired on account of failing health. The firm name continued A. & S. Thistle for thirty-eight years, and they have always done a large and lucrative business. Our subject is one of the oldest citizens in the county, and enjoys universal esteem.

Ephraim Wells is one of the prominent and well-to-do farmers of Tyler county. His birth took place in the year 1831, and he was reared on the farm where he now resides. His parents were Eli and Nancy (Neff) Wells. Eli Wells was born in 1797 in Brooke county, W. Va., and was a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Prater) Wells. The grandfather was born April 6, 1745, in Baltimore county, Md., and died April 16, 1815. In 1775 he emigrated to Ohio county, Va., where he remained until 1812, when he came to Tyler county and bought the farm where our subject now resides. It is a fact worthy of note, that the first court ever conducted in Tyler county, was held on this farm in 1814. At that place he kept a kind of wayside inn for several years. He bought a large tract of land and cleared a considerable portion of it for argricultural purposes. He was married twice and was the father of twenty-two children. The father of our subject was also raised on this farm, which is at present the home of his son. He received what was considered a good education in that day, and after his father's death came into possession of the old home place. He was a shrewd trader and accumulated a large amount of money in an honest way. At one time he owned 1,500 acres in Tyler county, near the Ohio river, besides a large tract in the state of Missouri. Our subject

was reared to manhood on the old homestead and received but a limited education in his younger days. In 1873 his marriage took place to Elizabeth R. Paden, and the union resulted in the birth of two children, only one of whom, Blanche S., is living. The mother of these children was born June 22, 1829. Mr. Wells began life on the old farm as a poor man, but gradually accumulated means until he now owns 400 acres of land which he paid for by means of very hard work. He is recognized as a leading citizen of the county, and everybody likes Ephraim Wells.

Philip W. Wells, a well-known old settler of Tyler county, was born and reared on the farm where he now resides. His birth took place in 1823, his parents being Nicholas and Rachael (Witten) Wells. The father was born in Brooke county, and was a son of Charles Wells, who came to West Virginia before 1800, and settled near Wellsburg, the town getting its name from him. Our subject's father was reared near Wellsburg, came to Tyler county in 1806, and settled on the farm where his son Philip now resides. At that time of course it was all a wilderness, but by very hard work and unceasing efforts, he, in time, converted the woods into a nice farm. The subject of our sketch spent his early days on this homestead, and attended school in the neighboring houses erected for that purpose, which was all the education he ever obtained from books. His marriage took place in 1854, when he was united to Mercy P., daughter of David Hickman, who was the first clerk of Tyler county. Unto this marriage ten children were born, of whom six are living, viz.: Nicholas, David, Robert E. Lee, Paul, Allen and Blanche. Mr. Wells is at present the owner of over 500 acres of land in the county, of which 340 acres belong to the old homestead place, which is well improved. In politics, he is an uncompromising democrat, and takes much interest in his party's affairs. Mr. Wells has in his possession an old brass mortar that is over one hundred years of age, and was used in an early day to pound corn for making meal, and holds a little less than a quart. Our subject is a thrifty and well-to-do citizen, and has a number of warm friends.

Capt. James W. Williamson, a very prominent and popular citizen of Tyler county, was born there in 1821, his parents being Thomas and Frances (Beatty) Williamson. The father was born in Wheeling, being a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Anderson) Williamson. The grandfather, and John, his brother, were natives of Ireland, and came to America at a very early day. He arrived at Wheeling some time before the year 1785, and was in the famous old fort at that place during the perilous time when it was stormed by the Indians. In the year 1785, he and his brother came down the Ohio river in a canoe, and they bought a large tract of land where Friendly now stands. At that time the whole country around was a vast wilderness from

Wheeling down far below the point mentioned. Before coming to the section mentioned, the elder Williamson and his brother, John, with him owned a large tract of land on the creek on which part of Wheeling now stands, and to which even at this day, it is thought, their descendants are entitled. The mother of Capt. Williamson was a native of Geneva, Penn., and a daughter of Samuel Beatty. Capt. Williamson was reared to manhood on a farm and got his early education in the old fashioned pioneer school-house. In 1847 he was joined in wedlock with a most estimable lady, by the name of Mary J. Massey, daughter of John C. and Martha (Jones) Massey. The result of this union was the birth of nine children, of whom seven are still living: Charles C. (deceased), Hannibal W., Martha E., James M., Harrison J., Mary B. (deceased), Rosa E., Amanda J. and Willie W. Mrs. Williamson was born in Clermont county, Ohio, August 7, 1833, and during her life was a devout member of the Methodist Protestant church, and died December 9, 1887. In 1889, he married Martha E. (Crowell) Williamson. Unto the second union one child was born, Verona V. Mr. Williamson and wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church. In 1858 he engaged in the business of steamboating, which he followed for a number of years, during which time he owned several different boats. He was a licensed pilot, and during his career captained many boats on the Ohio river and its tributaries. He still owns a part of the original tract of land bought by his grandfather when he first settled here. Mr. Williamson served as commissioner of revenue in this county in 1855, and 1856. He is universally recognized as one of the worthiest and most popular of Tyler county's citizens.

PLEASANTS COUNTY.

T. J. Bailey is one of the well-to-do and thrifty farmers of Pleasants county. His birth took place March 11, 1840, his parents being John B. and Maria (Hill) Bailey. The father was born in what was then Tyler county, January 22, 1807, son of James and Elsie Bailey, both natives of old Virginia. The mother was born in Washington county, Ohio, daughter of John Hill, a Pennsylvanian, of Irish descent, who came to Ohio and settled on the Muskingum when it was all a wilderness. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side served a great many years as justice of the peace, when Tyler and Pleasants counties were both in one, and called by the former name. He also served as postmaster at Grape Island, for several years. This postoffice is one of the oldest in the state, and was founded by our subject's grandfather, he being one of the very first settlers of this county. For

a number of years he kept a road house or tavern at this place, which was a way station for the mails when they were carried over the old stage line. Our subject is the only living representative of this pioneer company now residing at Grape Island. He was born and reared on the farm where he now lives, and attended the rough schools of those days. In 1867 he was married to Eliza, daughter of Ralph and Rachel Gorrell. The mother was of German descent. The union resulted in the birth of one child, Della Virginia. The wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. at St. Marys, No. 22, and is noble grand at the present time. He has served as justice of the peace of Union district, and as postmaster under President Arthur, being re-appointed by President Cleveland, serving in all four years and a half. He owns 180 acres of good land, the most of which is of the old Bailey homestead and of this he has cleared about eighty-five acres himself. The date of his commission as postmaster under Cleveland was October 14, 1886, and served until his successor was appointed by Harrison, when he resigned. He is universally recognized as one of the prominent citizens of the county, and the family is very generally respected.

Thomas Browse, and Eliza, his wife, in 1830, came from Devonshire, England, and soon after purchased land and located on the Ohio river, opposite Grape Island, W. Va., building the old farm house now occupied by their daughter, Mary E. Holdren, one year before the terrible flood of 1832. He became quite a large land owner, and during the fifty years up to his death in 1880, occupied almost continuously the positions of magistrate and surveyor in the county of Tyler, and in Pleasants county since its formation in 1851. His death occurred at the age of seventy-seven in the Pleasants county court house, while on duty as president of the county court. Of their six children three died in infancy, the fourth, Eliza J., wife of Henry C. Creel, died in 1863, leaving one son, Herbert B. Creel. The only survivors are Mary F. Holdren and Robert H. Browse, who was born in 1818. He married whilst in England, in 1808, Sarah A. Browse, and has since resided at Spring Run station, on the same farm. Of their eight children six are living: Janet E., Henry N., Mabel F., Robert T., Fannie L., and S. Winifred. Robert H. Browse served in the state legislature in 1877, and is an ardent democrat, but has no taste or desire for office. He was an earnest advocate of the building of the Ohio River railroad, and has been a director since its opening in 1884.

Freed Cochran enjoys the distinction of being one of the pioneers of West Virginia. His birth took place in Tyler county in 1806, his parents being Thomas and Elizabeth (Morris) Cochran. The father, Thomas, was born in West Liberty,

W. Va., and was a son of Thomas Cochran, of Ireland. The last mentioned came to this country and settled at Wheeling when there were but few houses there, and the Indians were so hostile that there was an almost perpetual state of war between them and the settlers. At one time Thomas Cochran and a number of comrades got into a very severe fight with a party of Redskins, the result being that all the white men were killed except Cochran, he having black hair and black eyes they wanted to take him prisoner. He turned to flee and the Indians seeing that he was too fleet of foot for them and that they could not catch him by running, they shot him down as he was at the top of the Wheeling hill. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier on the American side, and he left a name of which his descendants may well feel proud. Our subject's father was a young man when his father was killed by the Indians, and he took his revenge by subsequently killing many Redskins in atonement for what he regarded as the murder of his dearest relative. During these stirring times he had opportunity to engage in many skirmishes and bloody fights with the implacable red men. He became the father of eleven children, but our subject is the only one now living as a representative of this worthy pioneer family. He came to the county many years ago, being among the very first families who settled in Tyler county. He took up his abode in the woods, and by many hard licks managed to clear out a farm and raise his family. At first he bought 214 acres, but afterward he and his son together added to this until at one time they owned about 1,000 acres. On this farm our subject grew to manhood, and there he obtained what little education was to be gotten from the primitive schools of those days. His marriage took place in 1837 to Catherine, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Taylor) Johnson. The product of this union was eleven children, of whom the following are still living: Marion, Mary, Clawson P., John, Julia, Jennie, Kate and Joseph. The mother of these children was born in this state in 1816, and she, as also her husband and all their children, are members of the Baptist church, in which he has been a deacon since 1870. Mr. Cochran served eight years as justice of the peace in Tyler county, and also acted as member of the school board for some length of time. He was a delegate to the convention that assembled at Wheeling at the time of the formation of the state of West Virginia. He remained in Tyler county until 1857, when he came to Pleasants county and settled where he now lives. He owns 1,314 acres of good land, most of which is on the Ohio river. He ranks as one of the best known and respected citizens of the county, and was at one time member of the court.

B. L. Core, a prosperous young farmer of Pleasants county,

was born there in 1857, and is a son of W. G. H. and Adelia C. (Barrack) Core, both natives of Harrison county. The father was reared in the last mentioned county where he learned the trades of brick moulder, shoe-making and tailoring. After his marriage, he removed to Newport, and when he landed there he had only the munificent sum of 28 cents with which to begin life. He began work as a tailor, at which he remained one year, and then removed to St. Marys, where he continued his trade in connection with farming. He was soon elected constable of Pleasants county, at which he served for several years, doing nearly all of the sheriff's business at the same time. Subsequently he went into the mercantile business on Middle Island Creek, where he remained over five years and then removed to St. Marys, where for about sixteen years he conducted a large and lucrative business. But misfortune finally overtook him and he was almost completely ruined financially. But he fought bravely through his difficulties, and so conducted himself as to make friends out of enemies, and now occupies a front rank in the citizenship of the county. He has served the county as commissioner and representative, and at the election in November, 1890, he was elected on the democratic ticket as a member of the house of delegates. In politics he has always been an uncompromising democrat. Our subject was reared in Pleasants county, where he received his education at the common schools. In 1887 he was united in marriage to Miss Roxy, daughter of C. W. and Joanna (Hubbs) Bills. The result of the union has been the birth of two children: Victor and Bethel by name. Mrs. Core, who is a very estimable lady, is a native of Pleasants county, where she was reared and has always lived. Mr. Core owns seventy-seven acres of good land in the oil belt near Belmont, and is one of the leading farmers and popular citizens of his county.

Jacob Delong, a thrifty farmer of Pleasants county, is a native of Belmont county, Ohio, where he was born in 1819, his parents being Jonathan and Sabina (Horn) Delong. The father was a native of Frederick county, in old Virginia, and was a son of Christopher Delong, of Germany. Our subject's father left his home in Virginia when about eighteen years of age, and went to Pennsylvania, where he remained until he was married, after which he went to Ohio and settled in the woods of Belmont county. They had to cut a road through the woods to the place where they settled, and went through many severe trials incident to pioneer life before they succeeded in making a home fit for habitation. The farm that was cleared out at this place was the home of Jonathan Delong until his death. His son, Jacob, was reared to manhood on this old homestead farm, and in that neighborhood he picked up a very ordinary education in the old log school-house. In 1848 he was marrid to Miss Margaret,

daughter of Stephen and Priscilla (LaFevres) Hooper, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The union resulted in the birth of twelve children, as follows: Sabina, wife of S. P. Snodgrass; Priscilla, wife of Robert Reynolds; Rachel, wife of William Ruckman; Nancy, wife of Jeff. Ellis; Margaret, wife of William Jones; Ida May, wife of Nelson Shilling. In addition to the foregoing daughters, the following sons are also living: Jonathan, Stephen, Jacob A. and Charles P. The mother was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1827, and she and husband are members of the Missionary Baptist church, of which he served as deacon for several years. He remained on the home place until he was about thirty years of age when he removed to Washington, Ohio, where he settled in the woods on 200 acres of land previously purchased, and there he built a log cabin and cleared out a farm. He remained there until 1865, when he sold his farm and moved in with his father-in-law, where he remained until 1867. In that year he came to West Virginia and bought 328 acres of land, where he now lives, which was a wilderness when he moved upon it. This farm he also cleared out and improved with good buildings of all kinds. He has done a great deal of hard work during his life, but has fought his way to success and is recognized as a good citizen.

R. A. Gorrell, sheriff of Pleasants county, and one of its prominent citizens, was born in 1837 in Tyler county, within a fourth of a mile from where he now resides. His parents were Elias and Berthiah (Galloway) Gorrell. The father was born and reared in Tyler county, and was the son of Ralph Gorrell, a Pennsylvanian, who served in the war of 1812. Our subject's mother was a native of Baltimore city. Elias and Berthiah Gorrell were the parents of seven children, of whom only five are living, viz.: Amos, Priscilla, Ralph A., Moses and Oliver. Our subject's father came to Pleasants county in 1828, and settled just over the line from Tyler county. When he arrived he owned but one horse and but little else. He settled in the woods, and by hard work and strict economy prospered rapidly. At one time he was one of the largest land owners of the county, having in his possession over 1,400 acres. He lived to the ripe old age of seventy-three years, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church during most of his life. Our subject was reared on the farm and received an ordinary common school education in the usual way, having to walk a distance of three miles through an unbroken forest to school. In 1865 he married Martha E., daughter of Joseph and Jane (Martin) McCoy. Her father came to West Virginia from Ireland when about sixteen years of age, and lived to the age of ninety-two years. The marriage of our subject resulted in the birth of two children: Mary J. and Eva B.

Mrs. Gorrell was born and reared in Tyler county, and she and her husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1886 Mr. Gorrell was appointed commissioner of Pleasants county to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of L. M. Maxwell, and served in this capacity until 1888, when he was elected sheriff of the county, a position which he now holds. In addition to these official trusts, he also served for four years as justice of the peace of his district. He is one of the leading politicians of Pleasants county, besides being a representative farmer and citizen. At present he owns 440 acres of the old homestead farm, which is in a good state of cultivation and well improved.

Oliver Gorrell, ex-member of the legislature, is one of Pleasants county's most prominent and esteemed citizens. He was born September 25, 1839, in Tyler county, on the old Gorrell homestead farm, his parents being Elias and Berthiah Gorrell. He was reared on the farm, was educated in the usual way and at the age of twenty-one years, began teaching the common schools. He continued this work for two terms and in 1864, was married to Mary A., daughter of B. S. and Eliza A. (Kyle) Morgan. Mrs. Gorrell's grandfather, John G. Morgan, was a soldier in the war of 1812, through which he served, and afterward drew a pension, receiving some government land for his services. He lived to the venerable age of ninety-one years and during his day was a leading politician. Mrs. Gorrell's father, E. S. Morgan, followed in the footsteps of the last mentioned citizen, and took a great interest in politics, being a fearless advocate of democratic principles. He served one term as sheriff of Tyler county and ranked well, both as a citizen and an official. Mrs. Gorrell's grandfather, Kyle, was also a soldier in the war of 1812, and as a reward for his bravery displayed on different occasions, he was promoted from the ranks until he reached the position of colonel. He served through the war with great credit to himself, and lived to an advanced and respected old age. Our subject's marriage was productive of twelve children, of whom eleven are living; viz.: Clement L. V., Cordelia B., Estelle E., Gibson M., Emma J., Mattie M., Oliver, Nellie A., Roberta A., Ralph E. and Gretta I. Mr. Gorrell and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and at this writing he holds the position of class leader. In 1878, he was appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the failure of R. T. Parker, to qualify after being elected. G. S. Hemmett was first appointed and served about eight months when he resigned and our subject served the remainder of 1878-79. In 1882, he was made the standard bearer of the democracy of Pleasants county, for representative, and was elected by a good majority. He was re-elected in 1886, and served two years more. Mr. Gorrell is the owner of 1,000 acres of land, which he obtained in 1864, when there was no improve-

ments on the same, but he now has the bulk of it cleared and in a good state of cultivation. Besides his farming business, he ran a large saw-mill about fourteen years. It is but just to add that he is one of the most useful and popular citizens of his county.

Samuel Hammett, deceased, was one of the pioneers of the county of Pleasants. He came from Leesburg, in Loudoun county, Va., where he was born October 25, 1787. He was the son of George and Sarah (Tillett) Hammett. His father was a native of Norfork, Va., born in 1754, and died March 23, 1814. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, his father being a sea captain on a sailing vessel, in which service he lost his life, and his son was raised by two uncles in Norfolk. The subject of this sketch, Samuel Hammett, was reared to manhood in Leesburg, where he received a reasonably good education, and held several different offices of trust. He was deputy sheriff of Loudoun county for several years, acted as jailer for considerable time, and while there set out the shrubbery that now adorns the court-house yard in Leesburg. February 17, 1811, he married Winifred Howell, who was born in Loudoun county, in 1787, and died in 1829. On the 22nd of June, 1832, he was married again to Ellen Gale, which union was productive of ten children, of whom the following are living: Mary E., George S., John E., James W., Samuel C., Thomas C. and Robert G. The mother was born July 10, 1803, in Hampshire county, Va., and after their marriage they settled on the farm where the family now reside. Previous to his second marriage, in 1814, he enlisted as a soldier in the war of 1812, and was at Fort Henry at the time that Francis Scott Key composed his immortal song, the "Star-Spangled Banner." The writer at the time was a prisoner of war. In 1816, Mr. Hammett came to West Virginia, and acted as agent for Richard Henderson, who owned and controlled about 2,000 acres of land where Mr. Hammett's family now lives. For one year after his arrival, he conducted the farm and attended to all business for Mr. Henderson. He only remained one year, and in 1817, returned to Leesburg, where he went into the mercantile business, and for some nine years enjoyed a lucrative trade. At the end of that time he sold his business and removed to the Scioto valley where he bought a farm. In 1829, he removed to Pleasants county, and settled on the farm which he owned at the time of his death. At first he bought 100 acres, but this was gradually added to until at the time of his demise, he owned 500 acres of good land. He was a member of the Episcopal church, but his wife was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. George, his oldest son, served as sheriff of the county for one year, to fill a vacancy. R. G., the youngest of the family, served as member of the house of delegates for two years.

What is a rather remarkable circumstance is that none of the members ever married. They rank socially and otherwise as one of the best families of the county, and fulfill all the requirements of good citizenship.

Edmund Holdren, a prominent farmer of Pleasants county, was born in Washington county, Ohio, his parents being Thomas and Mary A. (Riggs) Holdren. The grandfather, Edmund Riggs, came from Maryland about the year 1810, and settled in Washington county, Ohio, and afterward removed to Tyler county, Va., where he died. Edmund Holdren was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of Ohio. He was married to Mary E. Browse, daughter of Thomas and Eliza Browse, both natives of England, who came to Virginia in 1830. Mrs. Holdren was born and reared on the old homestead farm, where she now resides. Mr. Holdren is recognized as one of the influential and enterprising farmers of the county, and a democrat in principle.

Josiah Holdren, a prominent young farmer of Pleasants county, was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1854, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Riggs) Holdren. The father was a son of Joseph Holdren, a native of New Jersey, and settled in Ohio at an early day where he bought wild lands and cleared a farm on which he remained until his death. He fought through the war of 1812, although quite young at that time. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth Riggs. Edmund Riggs came to Ohio from Maryland at an early day and settled in Washington county, where he remained several years, after which he crossed over the river to Pleasants county, W. Va. There he bought a very large tract of wild lands which he converted into a farm and remained on the same until his death. He was a leading citizen during his life and held several positions of profit and trust. Our subject was reared on the farm in Ohio where he attended the common schools of the county, and in 1884, married Ella M. Morgan, daughter of J. W. and Emma (Hanes) Morgan. Mary E., Viola M. and Thurman Allen were the names of the children born to this union. The mother was born and reared in Pleasants county and she and her husband are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Holdren now owns 100 acres of the original farm which was brought under cultivation by his grandfather Riggs. He is a worthy descendant of a well known family of the Ohio valley and deservedly enjoys high rank as a citizen.

William Kester, one of the commissioners of Pleasants county, was born May 19, 1824, in Harrison county, his parents being Adam and Sarah (Devall) Kester. The parents were natives of Maryland, but came to West Virginia about 1819. The father remained in Harrison county until about 1830, and then removed to Pleasants, where he rented land for ten years, and then

bought 100 acres, on which he made his home until his death. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812. The subject of our sketch was reared on a farm and received the ordinary common school education. January 25, 1849, he was united in marriage to Ann E., daughter of G. A. and Druzilla W. (Jamison) Sharp. This union resulted in the birth of ten children, of whom the following are still living: Thomas S., Minerva J., Rufus, James B., John B. and Cass C. (triplets), the latter of whom is dead; Charles H., Sophia D. and Mary E. The mother was born in this county in 1828, and she and husband are members of the Methodist Protestant church, of which he acts as a trustee. He has served many years on the school board of his district, and was assessor of Pleasants county for four years. In 1883 he was appointed commissioner of Pleasants to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of J. R. Seckman, and in the fall of 1884 he was elected to the same position, which he has held since that time. He has made a good and efficient officer, and has conducted the public business so as to obtain the approbation of his constituents. Although he began life without property, he has succeeded quite well by the exercise of industry and economy. He now owns over 237 acres of good land, which is in good condition. He is a prominent democratic leader of the county, and has always been a fearless advocate of the principles of his party. He also ranks as a representative farmer of the county, and is one of its useful citizens.

R. Patterson, a prominent attorney of St. Marys, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1816, his parents being Robert and Sarah (VanMeter) Patterson. His father was a native of Ireland and came to West Virginia when about thirteen years of age. He married in this state and raised a family of eight children. He held several political offices and while he resided in Jefferson county, Ohio, he served many years as justice of the peace and as representative of the county for two terms. He manufactured flour on an extensive scale for several years, and before his death was one of the money lenders of the county, being a director in the old Mt. Pleasant bank. He came to this country a poor man, and for a number of years followed the business of boating to New Orleans. On different occasions he walked back from that distant city after disposing of his stock. At one time he owned as much as 1,500 acres of land in the state of Ohio. He finally removed to Wheeling, W. Va., where he remained until 1860 and then returned to Ohio, where he staid until his death. He was a strong anti-Mason and an uncompromising democrat. Our subject was reared and attended school in Jefferson county, Ohio. Afterward he spent some time in attendance at Franklin college. December 13, 1837, he was married to Jane, daughter of John and Massey (Wilson) Patter-

son. Four children were born unto them, of whom the following named are living: James, John and Robert H. The mother was born and reared at Circleville, Ohio, and died in 1845. In 1855 Mr. Patterson married Mrs. Simpson and this union was productive of two children, one of whom, Sarah V., is living. His second wife died in 1880 and in 1882 he was united to Emma J. Raider, the widow of a Mr. Clifford. Our subject began the study of law when nineteen years of age, but not liking it he did not begin the practice until 1867. At that time he began business in Pleasants county, and now has a good practice. He held the honorable position of president of the county court about six years, when he resigned. He served one session as a member of the state senate under the old constitution, but was legislated out of office by operation of the new constitution. He served as justice of the peace of Pleasants county for several years, and revalued the land of the county in 1875. He had one son on each side during the late civil war. His son James being a lieutenant in the Union army. Mr. Patterson is one of the leading democratic politicians of the county and a man of general popularity.

R. S. Reynolds, a well-to-do farmer of Pleasants county, was born July 24, 1852, in the house where he now resides. His parents were Daniel and Sarah (Larue) Reynolds, the former of whom was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1801. He was a son of Noah Reynolds, a native of England, who came to America in the seventeenth century, and settled in what is now Washington county, Ohio, but was then a wilderness. He located on what is called Ray's run. During the war of 1812 he served as a soldier, and after the war spent the remainder of his life in Ohio. The father of our subject was reared on the old farm in Ohio, came to West Virginia, about 1830, and settled on Middle Island creek, where he remained about three years. He then moved to where our subject now resides on Middle Island, where he bought fifty-two acres of fine land which, however, was then covered with woods. He spent his life on this island, where he remained until his death, which occurred April 3, 1887. Here our subject was reared, receiving a limited education as he grew up to manhood. In 1876, he married Priscilla, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Delong, and the union resulted in the birth of six children, of whom the following named are living: Oakey, Ida, Bernard, Lena and Harry. The mother, who is a native of Ohio, is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Reynolds is now owner of forty acres of the old homestead place, and has it in good condition. He is a substantial and well respected citizen.

Green Ruttencutter, a prominent young farmer of Grant district, Pleasants county, was born January 9, 1851, his parents being J. F. and Mary A. (Kester) Ruttencutter. Our subject

was reared on the farm in Pleasants county, and received a good common school education, and attended the Marietta academy. In 1879 he was married to Sarah A. McTaggart, daughter of E. R. and Mary D. (Moorhead) McTaggart. The result of this union was five children: Lena A., Mabel M., Wiley E., Alma and Friend. He and wife are both members of the Methodist Protestant church. He is one of the trustees of the Methodist Protestant church of St. Marys, and superintendent of the Sunday school. After his marriage, he came into possession of forty-five acres of land through his wife. Since his marriage Mr. Ruttencutter has added forty-five acres to his estate, on which are several oil wells producing from eight to twenty barrels per day. He has a nice and comfortable home where he dispenses old-time hospitality to his many friends. He is one of the leading young farmers of Pleasants county, and gives promise of a life of great usefulness and prosperity.

J. Frederick Ruttencutter, one of the substantial old farmers of Pleasants county, was born in Sistersville, in 1819, his parents being Daniel and Mary (Pacracy) Ruttencutter, both natives of Germany. The father was born in Strassburg, where he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter and cabinet trades, and came to America when a young man. When he arrived he was quite poor and worked at his trade for a living for several years. The mother upon her arrival in America bound herself to service in a family, where she remained for several years. She arrived in America on the 25th of December, was married on December 25, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church on Christmas day. After their marriage they moved to Sistersville, where they settled and remained about three years. At that time Mr. Ruttencutter bought land near Middlebourne, where he raised a family of eight children, all still living and named as follows: J. Fred, Eliza, wife of Greenberry Riggs; William, Rosina, wife of John Taylor; Joshua, Louisa, wife of a Mr. Robinson; Abraham, and Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Porter. Our subject was reared to manhood on the farm, and received a very limited education in the old fashioned school-houses of the early days. In 1841 he was married to Mary Ann, daughter of Adam and Mary Kester. This union resulted in the birth of fourteen children, of whom ten are living, as follows: William Cooper, Mary E., wife of W. W. Kelley; Joseph Hamilton, Greenberry, Sophia Alice, wife of Rev. J. J. Mason; Ann Eliza, wife of Rev. O. J. Moore; Abraham M., George Kelsall, Lucy Ellena, wife of John Suck, and Kate Inez. The mother of these children was a native of Harrison county, W. Va., and she and her husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ruttencutter has been a member of the church for forty-eight yenrs, having served as steward and class leader for several years. He began life with

nothing in the shape of property but an ax and mattock, but with these he set to work resolutely, and hewed his way to success through all the trials and privations of a pioneer's life. He now owns 139 acres of well improved land in Washington district, and enjoys the esteem which follows a well spent life.

J. R. Shingleton, commissioner of Pleasants county, was born in Harrison county, W. Va., June 7, 1833, his parents being Alexander and Eliza Shingleton. The father was born in West Virginia and was a son of William Shingleton, a native of England, who emigrated to America at a very early day and settled in Hampshire county, W. Va. After remaining there a short time, he came to Harrison county in the year 1812 and there he remained until his death, which took place at the advanced age of one hundred and four years. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and served as one of George Washington's body guards. He was also a soldier during the war of 1812, together with three of his sons, to-wit: Robert, Jeremiah and Sandford. Our subject was reared on the farm and picked up the usual scanty crumbs of knowledge in the old log school-house. In 1853, he was united in marriage to Margaret, daughter of Isaac and Mary Cox, who were settlers of Pleasants county. The result of the union was the birth of five children, of whom only Isaac W. and Oliver A. are living. The mother who was a native of Pleasants county was an active member of the Baptist church during her life and died July 14, 1863. In 1864, Mr. Shingleton took a second wife in the person of Miss Amanda, daughter of Isaac and Nancy Locke. The second union was productive of six children: John S., Andrew J., Coleman L., Myrtle C., Edward T. and Margaret Ann. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania and she and her husband are members of the Baptist church. In 1869, Mr. Shingleton was ordained as a minister of the Baptist church and ever since that time has been actively engaged in ministerial work. He served as justice of the peace of McKim district for eight years, and also for two terms as member of the board of supervisors of Pleasants county. He was elected assessor of Pleasants county, and served a term of four years. Mr. Shingleton has always taken an active interest in educational affairs. He was elected president of the board of education for three terms, and served in that capacity during a term of six years. He has been connected in some way with the board of education ever since the free school law came into effect, until last year. In 1886, he was elected commissioner of Pleasants county, and at the organization of the board, he was chosen as its president. He is a resident of Belmont, W. Va., which is in the center of Pleasants county oil field. For twenty-three years Mr. Shingleton served as postmaster at Union Mills, which fact is quite complimentary to him, inasmuch as he

has always been a leading democrat and an earnest worker for his party. Nevertheless, he was frequently appointed postmaster by republican administrations and though he frequently offered his resignation, it was continually refused and he did not finally get released until November 3, 1890. Mr. Shingleton became a member of the Missionary Baptist church in 1867, and since he was ordained as the minister, he has baptized 580 people and performed the marriage ceremonies for 610 couples. He owns some land in McKim district, besides a few acres in Belmont which contain six producing oil wells. Mr. Shingleton is held in high esteem as one of the progressive and representative citizens of Pleasants county.

G. D. Stout, one of the well-known farmers of Pleasants county, was born in Tyler county in 1840, and is a son of Elias D. and Martha (Hathhorn) Stout. His father was a native of Harrison county, where his birth took place in 1799. He was reared there, and came to Pleasants county while it was part of Tyler county. His marriage took place in Harrison county in 1822, after which he made and sold hats and traded in furs for several years. This business was injurious to his health, and he resumed his old occupation of farming. His marriage resulted in the birth of eight children, of whom the following named are still living: John W., Granville, Sarah A., B. M. and G. D. The mother was a native of this state and a devout member of the Baptist church. Our subject was reared on a farm where he still lives, and in that neighborhood he received his education in the old log school-house. His marriage took place on the 17th of March, 1864, to Miss Ann M. Pickens. This union was productive of nine children: India R., Granville, Herbert L., George D., John W., Mary Urania, Okey E., Grover C., and Clyde H. The parents are both members of the Baptist church, in which he holds the position of deacon. He held the office of second major of the militia for four years, also was a member of the board of education for one term, and was elected assessor in 1887 for the term of four years. He began life without property and with little assistance, but greatly to his credit has succeeded well. He now owns a good farm including the old homestead place, and justly enjoys the rank of being one of the progressive citizens of the county. Although he has raised a family of nine children, illness has been so little known in the household that the services of a doctor have been called for but a few times.

James S. Wells, a prominent farmer of Tyler county, is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Ruffner) Wells. The father was born in Brooke county, W. Va., in 1789, and was a son of William Wells. The grandfather was born in Baltimore, and came to West Virginia in a very early day. He settled in Brooke county where he remained until 1802, when he came to Tyler county,

and took up his abode on Middle Island creek, at the mouth of McElroy. At this point he built the first and only stone house of Tyler county, cleared out a good farm, and remained there until his death. He was connected with the building of the first mill of the county, the Judge Hundle. The father of our subject was reared on the old farm until twenty-six years of age, and during a part of the time had charge of a tannery on the place. At the age mentioned, he went to Charleston, W. Va., where he worked first as a day laborer, but by good management soon owned an interest in the establishment (salt works) with which he was connected. Afterward he became for a time sole owner of the works, with which he remained about fifteen years, when he sold out his interest in the saw-mill, and removed to the farm where our subject now resides. He bought 420 acres of land which was at the time of very poor quality, but he soon converted it into one of the finest farms in the county. He was a very hard working man and accumulated considerable wealth in an honorable way. Our subject was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the common district schools. In 1872 he was married to Vestia Buchanan, and the union resulted in the birth of four children, viz.: Mary E., C. Truman, and Lou W. and Laura (twins). The mother of these children was a native of Ohio, and she and her husband are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Wells now owns 400 acres of the old home place which he has greatly improved by erecting thereon a two-story brick dwelling besides a good barn. He ranks as one of the leading citizens and representative farmers of the county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO.

S. G. Adair, M. D., the well-known physician and surgeon of Beverly, Ohio, was born in Guernsey county, this state, in 1848, his parents being A. B. and Eleanor G. (Orr) Adair. The father enlisted in 1861 in the Thirtieth Ohio volunteer infantry, as a private and was discharged for disability after two years' service. He regained his health and re entered the service and served until discharged in the fall of 1865. In the fall of that year he went west, returned on a visit in 1888 and is now a resident of Kansas. He and his wife were both born in 1818, and she died in 1853. They were the parents of five children. Our subject enlisted as a soldier in 1864 and in company with his father went to the front. His business during his service was principally with the transportation department of the army. After returning home he worked on the farm for two years and then went to school, after which he taught for seventeen terms. He began the study of medicine in 1874 under his brother, W. A. Adair. He was graduated from the Ohio Medical college, at Cincinnati,

in the class of 1878–79, and began practicing at once, commencing in Beverly in the fall of 1879, and continuing ever since. He has been very successful and is recognized as a leading physician of his locality. He is a member of the pension examining board of Washington county, and also belongs to the medical society of the county. The doctor is progressive in his views and has made much of his opportunities, having started without a dollar but by energy and pluck he has achieved a decided measure of success. In 1879 he was married to the accomplished Miss Ella F. Patterson, of Amesville, Athens county, Ohio. Mrs. Adair is a lady of marked intelligence and culture and as notable for her amiability as for her many personal charms. Their union has been blessed by the birth of four children: Lee P., Florence B., Wilbur G. and Frank E. Dr. Adair is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the encampment. He and his popular wife are members of the Presbyterian church and the family enjoy the highest social rank as well as universal popularity.

Eli R. Alderman was born near Athens, Ohio, August 29, 1839, the oldest of three sons born to Asahel A. Alderman, who was the son of Elisha Alderman, who came from Olean, N. Y., in 1810, with a large family, and settled in Athens (now Morgan county), on Sharps Fork of Federal. The brothers are, Ira K. Alderman, of Maryville, Mo., and Asahel H., a resident of Washington, D. C. The mother was Eliza Ann Biddison, daughter of Phiiip Biddison, who was born near the city of Baltimore, Md., and came to Ohio about the year 1807. Asahel Alderman died in 1843, when the subject of this sketch was but four years old. At sixteen the boy began a struggle for a higher education among strangers, and only succeeded in this noble endeavor by the most rigid economy and difficult work. Finally he entered Ohio university, and remained there until about twenty-two years of age, when he entered the mercantile business with an uncle. In 1861 he married Laura A. Danley, daughter of Joel Danley, who was the son of John Danley, who emigrated from Hampshire county, Va., to Marietta in 1797, but after a three years' residence there, and also three years spent at Waterford, he settled at Wooster, now Palmer, township, in 1802, and died there in 1857. Her mother's name was Diana M. Chamberlain, the eldest daughter of John D. Chamberlain. The children of this marriage are, Earl S. and A. Dean. Mr. Alderman came to Marietta in 1867, and until 1872 was a traveling salesman. In the latter year he purchased the *Marietta Register* of R. M. Stimson, and has since been its editor and proprietor. When his sons reached the years of manhood they became associated with their father under the firm name of E. R. Alderman & Sons. This paper has grown to be one of the most aggressive and valuable publications in the state under Mr.

Alderman's wise management. It has ever voiced the views and principles of its editor with fearlessness and power. While he has ever been an ardent supporter of his political party, he has never sought office. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster of Marietta by President Harrison.

John Allshouse is a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., where he was born March 13, 1849. His parents are Henry and Margaret E. (Kunkle) Allshouse, both of whom are still honored residents of the state of Pennsylvania. The father is a merchant and keeps a general store in Greensburg. He and wife are active and devout members of the German Lutheran and Reformed churches, and have had twelve children, two of whom are dead. Our subject, who is the fifth born, began life for himself at the early age of fourteen. He commenced by learning the tanning trade, in which he continued for four years, then dipped into railroading and various other pursuits until the spring of 1870, when he went into the oil business which has since been his steady occupation. In September, 1873, he was united in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth J., daughter of James McCutcheon, of Franklin, Penn. Their home has been blessed by the advent of two bright children, viz.: Charles H. and James McC. Mr. Allshouse is connected fraternally with the Masonic order, also the American Union Chapter, No. 1, of Marietta. It is generally agreed that in all the relations of life, he fills the requirements necessary to constitute one a good citizen.

William M. Atkinson is a native of Monroe county, Ohio, where he was born October 7, 1841, his parents being Isaac and Hannah (Lipincott) Atkinson. November 13, 1861, our subject enlisted in Company B, Seventy-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry. With his regiment he took part in the battles of Shiloh, Fallen Timber and many skirmishes, until the battle of Marks' Mill, where he, with many others, was captured by the enemy. Particulars of the subsequent events will be found in the sketch of Major Smithson, printed elsewhere in this volume. November 1, 1864, our subject made his escape from prison in company with Capt. Samuel Fulton and Capt. Robert Fleming of his regiment, and Alfred Cree of the One Hundred and Twentieth regiment. They got out by presenting a forged pass to the guards, after which they went to a shop where stock were being slaughtered, remaining unnoticed during the day. At night they started on their weary march to the Mississippi river. They wandered in the wilderness like the Israelites when banished from Egypt, being out thirty-five and one-half days when they were overhauled and captured within twelve miles of Vicksburg. They were accidentally run on to by some rebel guards who were retreating from a fight in which they had been worsted. The woebegone and footsore wanderers were placed in a jail near by and kept

for some days, being treated well meanwhile. They were then taken to Alexandria on the Red river, thence to Shreveport, where they remained a month, and thence to Tyler, Tex., which was the place from which they started. They were finally exchanged May 25, 1865, and joined their regiment at Mobile, the war having closed before that time. Our subject served four years and seven months, and was never wounded, though a prisoner for thirteen months. Since his return home he has been farming in connection with the oil business, in both of which he has been eminently successful. Mr. Atkinson was married February 17, 1864, while at home on a furlough, to Miss Amanda J. Walton, by whom he has had the following children: Maggie, wife of L. H. Berry; Lizzie, wife of Charles Lund; Jennie, wife of Charles Robinson; Isaac, Frank and Wycliffe. Mr. Atkinson is one of that class of men who make friends with all whom they meet, and it would be impossible to find a more clever citizen in every respect.

Philip Bachmann, the successful flour and feed merchant of Marietta, was born in that city November 5, 1859, the son of George and Margaret (Atwater) Bachmann, natives of Germany. The father was a baker by trade, and emigrated to America in 1850, landing in New York city, where for two years he operated a bakery. In 1852 he came to Marietta, and soon after established a bakery in that place. After six years he turned his attention to farming, and was engaged in agriculture in Marietta township for two years. In 1861 he returned to Marietta, and from that time until November, 1890, he conducted a flour and feed and grocery business. His children are: Mrs. Maggie Laub, George, Lizzie, Mrs. Amelia Lang, Philip, Sophia, Mary (Mrs. William Arbour), and Mrs. Anna Henderson. Philip Bachmann attended the Marietta public schools in his youth, and upon attaining his majority became a clerk in his father's store, where he remained eight years. In 1887 he took the wholesale agency for the Gerke Brewing company of Cincinnati at Marietta and vicinity, and afterward purchased the business in which he has since been engaged. In June, 1881, Mr. Bachmann was united in marriage to Miss Phebe Stephen, of Washington county, and their union has been blessed by the birth of a daughter, Maggie C. Mr. Bachmann and wife are members of St. Lucas German church, and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and Red Men. He is a prominent member of the Marietta city council, and is a leading democrat.

George C. Best, the prominent grocer of Marietta, was born in Rhenish, Province of Bavaria, Germany, March 15, 1825, his parents being William and Catherine (Buerky) Best, who emigrated to America in 1840, and settled in Salem, Washington county, Ohio, where the father became an agriculturist and

cleared and improved the fine farming property which he now owns and operates. He was twice married. By his first wife, Catherine Buerky, he had four children: George C., John H., William and Philip. His second wife was Barbara Buerky, who bore him these children: Christiana (Mrs. Charles Spindler), Jacob, Mrs. Hannah Beiser, George and Mrs. Mary Motz. George C. Best received his education in his native land. He accompanied his parents to America in 1840. In 1854 he embarked in the general mercantile business at Marietta, and remained in that trade for a year and a half. He then served for three years as deputy treasurer of Washington county, and subsequently deputy sheriff of that county for nearly a year. From 1860 to 1865 he served as chief clerk of steamboats plying between Wheeling and Cincinnati. In the latter year he established the successful grocery house which he has since conducted. October 31st, 1850, Hannah, daughter of John and Anna M. (Scherber) Snyder, of Salem township, became his wife. Seven children are the issue of this marriage, viz.: George C., Mary, Emma, Edward, Lillie, Nellie and Laura. Mr. Best is a prominent member of the Masonic order, American Union lodge, No. 1, of Marietta. From 1875 to 1890 he was a member of the city council, and his service in that honorable body clearly demonstrated his ability for dealing with public questions of importance. His political faith is founded on the principles espoused by the democratic party.

T. S. Bibbee is a native of Wood county, W. Va., where he was born February 3, 1851, his parents being John and Permelia Ann (Barnett) Bibbee. The father was a farmer, dealt much in stock, and died in May, 1882, aged sixty-eight years. His wife is still living, a respected resident of Wood county. They had three children, our subject being the oldest. He began life at twenty-one as a ship carpenter. This trade he followed for five years, then went to Volcano, W. Va., where he took up the wagon making and house carpentering business. There he remained eight years, then coming to Elba, Ohio, January, 1885, he went into the hardware business, as one of the firm of J. M. Benedict & Co. Remained in this business two years, and then engaged in general merchandising. In this they have met with success, carrying the heaviest stock in Elba. Our subject was married December 28th, 1874, to Susan M., daughter of G. I. Wandling, of Berkeley county, W. Va. The latter died in 1855, and his wife (formerly Miss Frances Cox), did not long survive him. They had two children, Mrs. Bibbee and James W. The latter was engaged for twelve years as traveling salesman for several different firms, he was in the employ of Graft, Son & Co., of Philadelphia, for the last five years as a salesman, ranking among the best for energy and success. He married Miss

Dora F. Pribble, and they resided in Parkersburg, W. Va., where he died in February, 1890, aged thirty-nine years. Their children's names are Ethel F., George H., Ralph C., Pearl S., Emma H. and James W. Mrs. Bibbee is a member of the Episcopal church, and she and husband enjoy first-class social standing as well as general esteem.

Frank B. Biszantz, the popular proprietor of the New St, James hotel at Marietta, was born in that city November 20, 1859. and is a son of Charles F. and Phebe (Zimmer) Biszantz, both natives of Germany. The paternal grandfather was Conrad Biszantz, who came from Germany in about 1832, and settled in Washington county, Ohio, locating in Fearing township with a family consisting of his wife and nine children, on a tract of land of about 310 acres, and this property is still known as the Biszantz farm. The maternal grandfather was Daniel Zimmer, who came to this country early in 1833, settling on what was March Run Hill, in Fearing township, Washington county, Ohio. He was one of the earliest settlers of that locality. He died June 10, 1875, and his wife July 13, 1878, and eleven children survive them. Conrad Biszantz died February 2, 1877, and his wife's demise occurred in August, 1875. Charles F. Biszantz was born in Germany August 7, 1830. When eighteen years of age he began clerking on a steamboat, and later engaged in the grocery and dry goods business at St. Louis. In 1854 he returned to Marietta and embarked in the dry goods business on Front street, and continued there until July, 1861, when he again became interested in the general mercantile trade, at that time forming a partnership with his brothers. In 1863 he opened a restaurant on Front street, and one year later purchased the historic old house on Butler street which was built by Col. Lord, and converted it into a hotel which he operated for fourteen years. During this same period, however, he was interested in the oil business, and also had an interest in the Harmar flouring mill and in a ferry-boat company. In 1878 he removed to a farm at the extremity of Green street, and died there January 13, 1880. He was the father of four children: Mrs. Ella L. King, Charles, Frank B. and Mrs. Flora McCloy. Frank B. Biszantz was reared and educated in Marietta. Since 1882 he has been more or less interested in the hotel business. For four years he was engaged in the manufacture of mineral waters. In 1888 he took charge of the New St. James hotel, and has since operated it with much success. Mr. Biszantz was married in 1883 to Miss Katie, daughter of Fred and Mary C. (Wichen) Blume, of Marietta, and they have two children: Luella and Clara. Mr. Biszantz is a member of the K. of P.

Benjamin Blake claims nativity in Washington county, where he was born on the farm which constitutes his present residence,

January 14, 1851. His parents were Moses and Martha J. (Chapman) Blake, both natives of Washington county. The father was a farmer and was favorably known in the county, being noted for his enterprise, honesty and square dealing. He was land appraiser of the county for one term and held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. He was a man of brilliant parts, liberal culture and eminently qualified for intelligent citizenship. His birth took place October 30, 1820, and he died January 4, 1879. His wife, who was born October 24, 1826, preceded her husband to the grave, having died June 18, 1874. Their marriage took place November 23, 1845, and their children were as follows: Anna, wife of W. R. Goddard, who died February 3, 1881; George, John, who died October 20, 1884; and Charles, who died March 22, 1882. Our subject began life for himself in 1879, after the death of his father. He has been engaged exclusively in farming and sheep raising. He has been one of the largest flock masters in the county, handling the various breeds of improved sheep, and has been eminently successful in his chosen line of business. Mr. Blake is a wide-a-wake and enterprising citizen, who takes part in all movements calculated to advance the general welfare of the community. His marriage took place April 26, 1882, to Miss Ella, daughter of Dr. M. V. and Adeline E. (Collins) Hardy, her father being one of the leading physicians of the county. Mrs. Blake is a member of the Universalist church and the family enjoy good social standing as well as general popularity.

George Blake, the manufacturer and dealer in clothing, of Marietta, was born in Salem township, Washington county, Ohio, December 1, 1852, the son of Moses and Martha J. (Chapman) Blake. The paternal grandfather, Blake, was a native of Maine, and became a pioneer of Fearing township, Washington county, Ohio. He had four children: Mrs. Lucy Hallett, Benjamin, Moses and Mrs. Mary Seay. Moses was born in Fearing township, and early in life engaged in agriculture and stock dealer in Salem township. He was enterprising and successful, and for several years was a justice of the peace of Salem township. He died in 1879, aged fifty-eight years. His wife was a daughter of Enos Chapman, of Fearing township, by whom he had five children: Mrs. Anna D. Goddard, Benjamin, George, John and Charles. George Blake, the subject of this mention, was educated in the common schools, and later, at Marietta academy and Duff's commercial college, Pittsburg, Penn. In 1875 he embarked in the general merchandise business at Lower Salem, Washington Co., Ohio, and continued therein for five years, after which, he closed out his business in Salem, and in 1882 he established the business which he now carries on. He was married in 1882 to Miss Jennie McIlyar, of Cambridge, Ohio, daughter of William

and Sarah McIlyar. This happy union has resulted in the birth of two children, named Alice and Charlie. Mr. Blake is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a staunch republican.

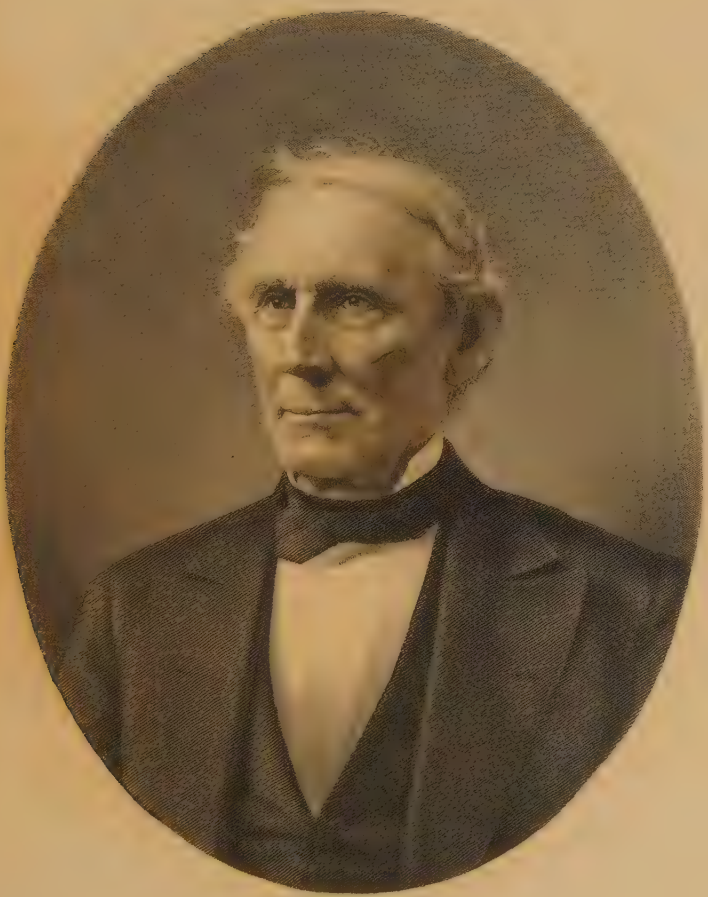
Hon. Henry Bohl, of Marietta, Ohio, superintendent of agencies for Ohio of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company, of Newark, N. J., was born in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, July 4, 1844, the son of Conrad and Catherine (Altvater) Bohl, who came to America in 1855, and settled in Washington county, Ohio. Mr. Bohl remained upon his father's farm until seventeen years of age, when he left home and effected an engagement in the Marietta Chair factory, where he remained some four years. He next engaged in the clothing business as clerk for J. W. L. Brown, at Marietta, where he remained four years. In January, 1869, he entered into the local insurance business at Marietta, and was very successful. His health, however, became very much impaired in 1871, and by the advice of his physician he concluded to dispose of his office and business and engage in out-door employment, which he did by accepting a special agency for the Home Insurance company of Columbus, Ohio; but as his health did not improve he removed in March, 1872, to Atlanta, Ga., where he accepted a southern department of three states for the American Central Fire Insurance company, of St. Louis. In 1873 he was elected secretary of the the Underwriters' association of the South, comprising eleven southern states, and being auxiliary to the National Board of Fire Underwriters with headquarters in New York city. Having nearly regained his health, and his family being anxious to return to their old home in Ohio, he removed again to Marietta, in March, 1874, after an absence of two years, and took charge of a western department of three states for the American Central Insurance company, which he had managed in the south. He resigned this position in the fall of 1875, and accepted the Ohio state agency for the Milwaukee Mechanics Insurance company, and also again embarked in the local insurance business at Marietta. In 1875 he was nominated for the legislature on the democratic ticket, and in October of that year was elected by a majority of 251 votes, running nearly 200 ahead of the ticket. One of his first acts after taking his seat in that body was to introduce a resolution pledging the house of representatives of the state of Ohio to be in favor of a purely secular educational system, at the expense of the tax payer, without any division of the school funds among any sects, and to maintain and support the admirable provision of the Ohio state constitution on that subject. This resolution received the unanimous vote of the house of representatives, and was introduced to disprove the assertion made by the republican party in the political cam-

paign of 1875, that their opponents were in favor of a division of the school funds. He also secured the passage of a bill by the house in 1877, making silver a legal tender in Ohio for all debts, public and private, silver at that time being demonetized by the national government. On January 15, 1876, United States Senator Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, addressed a letter to Mr. Bohl, defining his position on the financial question, which was forthwith published and read with great interest throughout the country, as the senator was then a prominent prospective candidate for the president of the United States. Mr. Bohl and family are members of the Congregational church. He has always taken a great interest in secret societies, being a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and other orders. In 1871 he was elected a representative to the Grand lodge of Ohio Odd Fellows, and also great sachem for the state of Ohio of the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1872 he was elected representative to the U. S. Grand lodge of that order, and one year later was representative to the Grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Georgia, and in 1881, again represented his lodge in the Ohio Grand lodge of I. O. O. F., having also served two years as a member of the committee of legislation, and being also one of a committee of five to receive and entertain the Sovereign Grand lodge of the World, at Cincinnati, in September, 1881. He was twice nominated for grand master as well as other Grand lodge offices, but declined to accept on account of his large private business. In May, 1876, he was elected by the Ohio democratic state convention, at Cincinnati, an alternate at large to the national convention at St. Louis, and was afterward elected by the Ohio delegation delegate at large from Ohio to that convention, filling the vacancy created by the absence of Hon. George H. Pendleton, and was probably the youngest delegate at large ever elected from Ohio. He was also a member of the Ohio democratic state central committee in 1876, and in 1877 was renominated by acclamation for the legislature, and was re-elected by 585 majority. The sixty-third general assembly being democratic, Mr. Bohl at once became one of the ablest debaters and one of its most influential leaders. He looked after the interests of his constituency, securing a number of good appointments for his county, and the enactment of many local measures protecting the oil interests and preventing the removal of Beverly college to Pennsylvania. He was chairman of the committee on insurance, and passed on five very important insurance bills in the interest of the people of Ohio. In 1878 Mr. Bohl was a prominent candidate for congress in the Thirteenth Ohio congressional district, and was strongly supported for the nomination in the convention, but on the second day he withdrew his name after more than eighty ballots, which made Gen. A. J. Warner the

nominee. In 1880 his name was prominently mentioned for secretary of state of Ohio, by the newspapers, but he declined to accept the nomination. He was a delegate from the Fifteenth Ohio congressional district to the democratic national convention in 1880, at Cincinnati, which nominated Gen. Hancock for president, he being secretary of the Ohio delegation, and also chairman of the democratic county central committee of Washington county, and was unanimously elected as secretary of the Ohio democratic state convention, held in Cleveland in July, 1880. In 1882 Mr. Bohl was unanimously made chairman of the congressional committee of the 15th Ohio congressional district, and also of the executive committee of Washington county. While a member of the legislature he strenuously opposed all monopolies and was the author of the resolution to investigate the Standard Oil company, in regard to the railroad freight discrimination in Ohio. In 1881 his name was much talked of for lieutenant governor of the state, by the newspapers, and he was tendered the nomination for state senator by the Morgan county democracy, but delined to be a candidate for either office. The democratic county convention of Washington county, of 1881, nominated him the third time by acclamation for the legislature, but owing to a poor canvass by the Ohio democracy on account of President Garfield's assasination, he was defeated, although running far ahead of his ticket, especially in the city of Marietta. In April, 1882, the people of Marietta, irrespective of party, ran him as a candidate for the board of education, and he received the largest vote of any man on the ticket. In 1883, he was renominated the fourth time by acclamation and elected a member of the Ohio legislature. He was made chairman of the house finance committee, and was one of the democratic leaders. In 1884 he was elected secretary of the Ohio democratic state executive committee, and re-elected to the same position in 1885, and in 1886 was unanimously elected chairman of both the Ohio democratic state central and executive committees, and conducted the Ohio state campaign that year. In 1887 he was re-elected by acclamation as chairman of the Ohio democratic central committee, but declined the position on account of ill-health. In 1887 President Cleveland appointed Mr. Bohl receiver of public moneys in the territory of Wyoming, which he declined. Secretary Lamar then tendered him the best Indian agency in Indian Territory or the chief clerkship of the interior department, both of which honors he refused to accept. At this time Mr. Bohl went to California and remained there for four months to recuperate his strength, resigning the Ohio state agency of the German Fire Insurance company, of Freeport, Ill., which he had filled for four years. On his return in May, 1888, he was appointed receiver of the Second National bank,

of Xenia, Ohio, by the comptroller of currency, and wound up the affairs in that institution for the government in seven and a half months, and was then unanimously elected as agent for the stockholders of the bank, receiving 1,028 votes, although all stockholders differing with him politically. In 1864 Mr. Bohl married Miss Margaret, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Emrich) Radenbach, of this county, and six children have been born to them: Mrs. Kate M. Coleman, Lucinda M., Henry G., Clara C., Fannie I. and Sarah R.

Harlow Chapin, a prominent citizen of Marietta, was born in New Marlboro, Mass., November 29, 1804, and is a son of Seymour and Achsa (Hulet) Chapin. His paternal grandfather was Peter Chapin, of Berkshire county, Mass., and was one of the first settlers of New Marlboro, said to be the owner of the first wagon ever brought to that town. He was a son of John Chapin, also a pioneer of Berkshire county, and is supposed to be a descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, who emigrated from England and settled at Springfield, Mass., in colonial times. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Hulet, a pioneer of Berkshire county. He was a natural orator in his time and served throughout the Revolutionary war. In 1816 he and the parents of our subject came to Ohio and settled on a farm of 1,000 acres in what was then an unbroken wilderness — where John Hulet died at the age of eighty-six years. Seymour Chapin in later life removed to Rochester, N. Y., where he died in 1863 at the age of seventy-eight years. His family consisted of six children: Harlow, Levi L., Joshua, Caroline L. (Mrs. W. C. Hall), Electa (first wife of Mr. Hall), and Oscar D. Our subject was educated in the log school-house of his day and in the public schools of Canton, Ohio. In 1827 he taught the first school in Massilon, Ohio, and also the term of 1828–9. In the latter year he joined the corps of engineers then at work on the Ohio canal. His services were found to be very valuable and at the completion of the canal he was appointed superintendent of a section which occupied him until 1834 when he was called to Dresden, Muskingum county, to supervise the building of a lock near that place. Later he superintended the important work of enlarging the reservoir at Licking Summit, Licking county, Ohio, and in 1837 was given the contract for the construction of dams and locks at the mouth of the Muskingum at Marietta. After the fulfilment of this contract he took a smaller one on the Ohio river improvements which ended his labors in that direction. On October 23, 1833, he married Hannah, daughter of Gilberthorp and Sarah (Cook) Earl, of Stark county, Ohio, and unto this union were born six children who grew to maturity, except one, Charles Seymour, who died at the age of three years: Cornelia M. (Mrs. W. H. Crawford), Sarah E. (Mrs. C. B. Col-



Harlow Chapin

lier), Henry E., Arthur B., and Leander R. In 1849, Mr. Chapin, with a company of twenty-one, went overland to California where he engaged in mining and stock dealing for two years, when he returned to Marietta, which has been his home since 1837. During the early part of the fifties, he spent three months with Col. Barber, to secure the right of way for a railroad between Marietta and Bellaire. He was a member of the electoral college of Ohio in 1844 and cast his vote for Henry Clay, and was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1873. He is president of the bank at Marietta, which was organized in December, 1889. Politically, Mr. Chapin is a staunch republican and has upheld the principles of that party since its organization.

Thomas Cisler, a prominent brick manufacturer of Marietta, was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on the 14th of October, 1836. He is a son of Henry and Anna (Bernhart) Cisler, natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, whence they came to America in 1836 and settled at Marietta in 1838, remaining there the remainder of their lives. They had ten children, named: George, Joshua, Mrs. Elizabeth Gross, John, Mrs. Catharine Miller, Thomas, Charles, Robert, Eleda and Henry. Thomas was reared in Marrietta, his parents having brought him from his native city when he was but two years of age. He was given a good public school education. In 1856 he embarked in the brick manufacturing business and has since continued in that industry. April 8, 1860, his marriage was solemnized to Miss Carolina Schneider, who was a daughter of Theobald and Carolina (Garber) Schneider, of Marietta. Mr. and Mrs. Cisler have three children living, and their names are as follows: Eleda, Thomas and Carolina. The family are members of the St. Luke's German church. Mr. Cisler has ever been a true and able champion of the democratic party, and is held in the highest esteem in the community in which he lives, both in commercial and social circles.

Nathan Crooks, pastor of the Baptist church of Lower Salem, was born April 20, 1840, in Noble county, Ohio, his parents being John and Rebecca (Burford) Crooks, both natives of Belmont county, Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation, took quite an active interest in politics, and was a deacon in the Baptist church of which he and wife were devout members. The lives and example of these parents constituted a valuable heritage to the family, the neighborhood and the church of their choice. They passed away after a useful life, the father aged seventy-three and the mother about sixty. They had a family of five sons and four daughters, seven of the children still living. The subject of this sketch received the ordinary public school education in Noble county, and began life for himself at the age of nineteen. He followed the business of farming until 1880

when he commenced preaching. He acted as a local minister for five years and took charge of his present work in 1885, since which time he has been rendering faithful and acceptable service, proving himself to be a laborer worthy of his hire. As a citizen Mr. Crooks is always found among the front ranks when enterprises for the general welfare are under consideration. In 1851 our subject was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Nancy E., daughter of John and Rebecca Clark, of Noble county. Their home has been blessed by the advent of eight children, as follows: Francena I., wife of R. N. Bowden, of Michigan; Jerusha M. (deceased), Alfred Ogle, of O'Brien county, Iowa; James E., also of Iowa; Benjamin O., Eva, John W. and Robert N. The parents and three of the children are members of the Baptist church. John W. is a teacher of the county and during his two years in that business has given good satisfaction. Mr. Crooks is a member of the I. O. O. F. society and has been chaplain of the lodge for many years. In politics, our subject affiliates with the prohibition party, and in all the walks of life he is a highly esteemed citizen.

Hon. Frederick J. Cutter, of Marietta, Ohio, was born in Watertown township, Washington county, Ohio, October 5, 1839. His parents, the late Lewis J. and Mrs. Eve E. (Wagner) Cutter, were natives of Durkheim, Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1838, and came to Washington county the following year. In the spring of 1841 they moved on the farm now known as the Cutter homestead, where they continued to reside until their deaths, the father's death occurring in February, 1874, aged seventy-five years, and the mother's in November, 1885, aged seventy-nine years. They reared a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, viz.: Mrs. Mary A. Hund, Christiana E., Charles F., Mrs. Margaret Baker, George W. and William H. (twins), (the latter was a member of Company B, Seventy-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was killed in the battle of Jenkins' Ferry, Ark., April 30, 1864), Frederick J., Mrs. Kate A. Lotz, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Spurlock, Lewis J. (who was also a member of the Seventy-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and spent ten months in the rebel prison of Camp Ford, near Tyler, Tex.), Mrs. Lena Burchett and Mrs. Louisa J. Maloney. Frederick was reared on the homestead farm of his father, and at the age of sixteen years he hired out with the late Hon. W. P. Cutler and worked for him on his farm for four years. In December, 1859, he went to Cincinnati and took a course of study that winter in Gundry's Commercial College. The following summer he was employed in a furniture store, and in January, 1861, he procured a route on the *Daily Gazette* as a carrier, which position he held until June, 1863. This position enabled him to earn

enough to pay his expenses while attending school in that city preparing for college. He attended Herron's seminary and Prof. Cline's private school. Prior to going to Cincinnati he had only had such educational advantages as the county schools afforded. He entered Marietta college in September, 1865, and was graduated with the class of 1868. During the two years following his graduation his time was spent in teaching school and assisting his father on the farm, and in June, 1870, he took charge of the homestead farm and continued to manage it until the spring of 1891. In 1873 he commenced the study of law, in connection with his farm labors, under the late Hon. T. W. Ewart, of Marietta, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1875. He remained in the office of Judge Ewart until December, 1876, when he engaged in the practice of the law by himself, meeting with excellent success. From 1876 to 1878 he filled the office of deputy U. S. marshal for Washington county, in connection with his law practice. In 1878 he was nominated by his party for the office of probate judge, but was defeated with the rest of the ticket, his party then being in the minority. In 1881 he was again nominated for the same office and elected, and re-elected in 1884 to a second term, serving for six years as probate judge of his county. In February, 1888, at the close of his second term, he at once resumed the practice of the law, and in November, 1889, he was elected to the sixty-ninth general assembly of Ohio to serve for two years. Mr. Cutter has always taken an active part in matters of public interest. He was for fourteen years connected with the Washington County Agricultural and Mechanical association as a director, eight years of which time he served as president of the association. He also served for eight years as president of the Washington County Farmers' association, under the auspices of which the annual farmers' institutes are held. In politics, Mr. Cutter has always been a staunch and faithful supporter of the republican party, and since the memorable campaign of 1860, when he cast his first vote, he has taken an active part in politics and has been an active worker for his party, serving for several years as secretary of the county executive committee. He was married March 23, 1887, to Miss Marguerite H., only daughter of John H. Carter, Esq., of St. Louis, Mo., and one son, Frederick C., has been born to them. Mr. Cutter was brought up in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which church his parents were faithful members. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church, and he is also a member of the K. of P. order.

Theodore D. Dale was born in Newport, Washington county, Ohio, June 23, 1846, and is a son of the Rev. Hervey S. and Amanda Frances (Dana) Dale. The Rev. H. S. Dale was a son of Jeremiah Dale, a native of Massachusetts. He was a Baptist

clergyman and had charge of different churches in eastern Ohio. Hervey S. Dale was also born in Massachusetts, and settled at Newport, Ohio, prior to 1850, where he resided about ten years. He died at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1857. His children were: Edward R., Theodore D., Julia T., and Frances A. The mother of these children was a daughter of Stephen and Betsy M. (Foster) Dana, and a granddaughter of Capt. William Dana, a Revolutionary soldier and a pioneer of Belpre, Ohio. Her maternal grandfather was Hon. Peregrine Foster, who was a son of Hon. Jedediah and Dorothy (Dwight) Foster. Peregrine was born December 27, 1759, at Brookfield, Mass., and married July 10, 1770, Polly (Parkman) Bradshaw, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Harrington) Parkman. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was present at the execution of Major Andre. In 1782 he located in Providence, R. I., where he read and practiced law. In 1786 he joined the Ohio company, formed in Massachusetts under the leadership of Gen. Rufus Putnam, and was one of the original forty-eight who came to Marietta in 1788, being one of the twenty-six surveyors of the Ohio company. In 1792 he settled at Morgantown, W. Va., and in 1796 settled in Belpre, Ohio, where he remained until his death, August 17, 1804. While a resident of Virginia he was chief magistrate of his county and also associate judge of the court of common pleas, and a representative to the state legislature. He was also a judge while living in Ohio. T. D. Dale, the subject of this sketch, was educated at Marrietta college. From 1870 to 1876 he was connected with the Marietta Iron Works as secretary and treasurer. He then engaged in the oil refining business, in which he is still interested. Since 1878 he has been the president of the Argand Refining Co. In 1884, he with others, formed the Marietta Mineral Railway Co., later the Marietta, Columbus and Northern, and now the Toledo & Ohio Central Extension railroad. Mr. Dale took an active part in its construction and is one of the principal owners, and the treasurer and general manager. It was through his efforts that the United Terminal company was formed, its object being the building of a union depot at Marietta. This company was organized in 1889, and Mr. Dale is its president at the present time. The company has been in existence but a year, and yet Marietta is indebted to it for one of the finest union passenger and freight depots in the state. Mr. Dale has always been prominently identified with every enterprise promising increased prosperity to the community in which he lives, and has ever aided charitable and benevolent movements with his time and money. May 15, 1873, Mr. Dale was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Sophia B., daughter of George and Lucy M. (Byington) Dana, and granddaughter of George and Deborah (Fisher)

Dana, and great-granddaughter of Capt. William and Mary (Bancroft) Dana, pioneers of Belpre, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Dale are the parents of one daughter, named: Florence Dwight. Mr. Dale served his country during the late war as a member of Company A, Forty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, having enlisted in 1864. After remaining in the army for four months he was honorably discharged. He is a member of the G. A. R., and is a loyal republican.

Hon. Theodore F. Davis, a prominent citizen of Marietta, Ohio, was born in Franklin county, Ind., May 22, 1844, the son of Samuel and Hannah (Case) Davis, and is of Welsh descent. The father was one of the first members of the legislature under the present constitution of Indiana, and was elected as a whig, being the only member of the whig or the republican party ever elected in that county, and he had at this election about 600 majority. In 1862, he was appointed by O. P. Morton as assistant surgeon and was sent to Shiloh. Prior to this at the first call for troops, he raised a company for the three months' service, and was commissioned as captain by Mr. Morton, but the quota being full it was not accepted. He served as surgeon until 1864, when he was wounded and resigned, receiving an honorable discharge. He was deputy internal revenue collector in Indiana four years after the war. Samuel Davis, who was a second cousin of Jefferson Davis, was a Presbyterian in religious faith, being a member of the same church in which Benjamin Harrison holds membership. Theodore F. Davis was raised in his native county, and when but sixteen years of age enlisted in the three months' service in his father's company, although he was not mustered into the army. He again enlisted in August, 1862, this time in Company K, Eighty-third Indiana volunteers, under Capt. John C. Creswell, being first brigaded with the Thirteenth United States regulars in Sherman's old brigade, the Eighth Missouri and Fifty-fifth Illinois. He was with Sherman in his campaign in the Mississippi valley, Chickasaw Bayou, 1862; Arkansas Post in 1863; Young's Point, Louisiana, and in the Vicksburg campaign, Grand Gulf, Black River Bridge, Champion Hills, Raymond, capture of Jackson, Miss., and the assault on the rear of Vicksburg on the 19th and 22nd of May, being through the entire siege. He was honorably discharged after one and a half year's service, on account of disabilities received. After his return home he attended the Ingleside institute at Peoria, Ind., but prior to going to the war he attended the common schools of the county, working on the farm in the summer and attending the winter sessions. His father was one of the pioneer teachers in Ohio, and at one time had as a pupil, President Harrison. In 1865, Theodore Davis, the subject of this sketch, joined an engineering corps in the construction of the Whitewater railroad, and

continued in this business until 1869, during which time he was also on the engineer corps which constructed the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and the improvements on the Little Kanawha river. In 1869, he located in Marietta, Ohio, following the occupation of a civil engineer for ten years, for four years being the city engineer of Marietta, having charge of the M. P. & C. railroad, now the C. & M. railroad. He also had charge of the government improvements on the Ohio river, between Wheeling and Pomeroy for several years. For five years he was in charge of the Marietta oil refinery. In 1882, he became part owner of the *Marietta Leader*, which, after he became a stockholder, was devoted to republicanism, it having before been independent. He was one of the charter members of the organization of the Citizens' National bank of Marietta, and was elected vice-president, a position which he still holds. In 1872, Miss Lucy H., the daughter of Edward and Hannah (Hendry) Nye of Marietta became his wife. The grandmother of Mrs. Davis was the first white woman to set foot on what is known as the northwest territory. Mr. Davis and his wife are the parents of two children, Jessie and Grace. In 1880, Gov. Foster appointed Mr. Davis a member of the board of trustees for the insane asylum of Athens, and he served four years under Govs. Foster, Hoadley, Foraker, and three months under Campbell. In 1887, he was elected on the republican ticket as a member of the Ohio state senate, and during his term of service was president pro tem. of that body. He was a member of the state centenial reception commission composed of Gov. Foraker, Lieut.-Gov. W. C. Lyon, the speaker of the house; E. L. Lampson, three members of the senate consisting of our subject, W. T. Wallace and Henry Steuvey, and six members of the house, being present at Cincinnati, Marietta and Columbus, and being a member of the special committee of Marietta. He was also a member of the Marietta commission of seven members. Fraternally, Mr. Davis belongs to the F. & A. M., is a charter member of the Marietta commandery, K. T.; is a member of the G. A. R. No. 178, Duell post, and the Ohio commandery of Loyal Legion. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Theodore F. Davis is a republican, having been a member of the city council one term, and at present a member of the board of trustees for the Marietta waterworks.

Gen. Rufus R. Dawes, a son of Henry and Sarah (Cutler) Dawes, was born in Malta, Morgan county, Ohio, July 4, 1838. His paternal grandfather, William M. Dawes, was a pioneer lawyer of Morgan county, Ohio, where he settled prior to 1820. He was a judge of the common pleas court, and also a representative in the lower house of the Ohio legislature. During the war of 1812, he was collector of the port at Thomaston, Maine. He

was a son of William Dawes, noted as a comrade of Paul Revere on his celebrated ride to arouse the people before the battle of Lexington. The maternal grandfather was Ephraim Cutler, who settled in Washington county in 1795. He was in 1796 appointed by Gov. St. Clair, captain of militia, justice of the peace and judge of the court of common pleas. In 1801 he was elected a member of the territorial legislature, and subsequently in 1802, was a member of the convention that formed the first constitution of Ohio, and in 1819, was chosen by the people and for many years represented them in both branches of the legislature. He was a son of Rev. Manassah Cutler, scientist and statesman, who was a member of congress, and while agent for the Ohio company negotiated the purchase of the lands for the first settlement of Ohio at Marietta. Henry Dawes, father of our subject, was a native of Maine, and came to Morgan county, Ohio, with his parents and for nearly forty years was engaged in the mercantile trade at Malta. In 1859 he removed to Juneau county, Wis., where he owned large tracts of land and resided there until his death in 1867. Rufus R. Dawes was reared in Ohio. He was educated at the university of Wisconsin and later graduated from Marietta college in 1860. He then engaged with his father in the improvement of the Wisconsin property, and April 15, 1861, when Lincoln made his first call for troops to quell the rebellion, he raised a company of 100 men in six days and was chosen their captain, and commissioned May 3rd, 1861, the company becoming Company K, of the Sixth Wisconsin volunteer infantry. July 1st, 1862, he was promoted to major of the regiment, was made lieutenant-colonel, March 24th, 1863, and colonel, July 5th, 1864. On the 13th of March 1865, he was given the rank of brigadier-general for gallantry during the war. His regiment belonged to the Iron brigade army of the Potomac, and statistics show that more men were killed from that brigade than from any other in the Union army. Gen. Dawes took part in the battles of Rappahannock, Gainsville, 2nd Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam (where sixty-two per cent. of the men were killed and wounded in the regiment he commanded), Fredericksburg, Reynold's Crossing, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg (in this battle receiving the surrender of the Second Mississippi regiment which he captured in the first day's fight, the battle flag No. 48, now being in the Ordnance museum of the war department), Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Jericho Ford, Tolopotomoy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor and Petersburgh. He was in full command of the regiment from the Wilderness to the siege of Petersburg, and also commanded the brigade at Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania and Petersburg. He was mustered out by reason of expiration of service, August 10, 1864. At this time he became a resident of Marietta, where he has

since been engaged in active business. In 1880, he was elected to the forty-seventh congress and introduced a bill and secured the passage of the law establishing diplomatic relations with Persia. He served on the committee on territories and on the pension committee. In 1882 he was unanimously re-nominated by his party, but it being an off year he was defeated by 600 votes. For twenty years, Gen. Dawes has been a trustee of Marietta college, and for several years was a trustee of the Ohio Institution for the deaf and dumb. In 1889 he had the support of the delegates of southeastern Ohio for the gubernatorial chair of the state, receiving 112 votes on the first ballot. He is a member of the G. A. R. and Loyal Legion, and has ever been a staunch republican, having been for twenty-five years active in advancing the interests of that party on stump and in the field. He has published a book entitled, "Service with the Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers," which is a history of his regiment and of his service in the war.

A. Dutton was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1831, September 17. His parents were Hanson and Elizabeth (James) Dutton, natives of Loudoun county, Va. The father was born September 13, 1799, and came to Ohio with his grandfather about the first of this century on horseback and returned the same way at the age of nineteen. When about twenty years old, he came back, bringing a wife, and bought a farm on Duck creek, near the village of Elba. Subsequently he sold this farm and purchased land on the Muskingum river, near Lowell, where he died June 13, 1888, aged eighty-nine. His wife died in 1879, at the age of eighty-four. They had ten children, eight still living. Archibald Dutton began farming for himself at the age of twenty-one, in Aurelius township, Washington county, and this has been his life business in the same township. In 1858 he married Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel and Caroline (Warren) Webber, of Noble county, Ohio. The result of the union has been the birth of seven children, namely: Layman L., Walter J., Ellsworth S., Louella C., Bertie G., a son who died in infancy, and Nellie. Bertie G. is the wife of A. P. Doan, residing at Kilmer, and engaged in the mercantile business. They have one child, Nellie. Layman and Ellsworth are also married. Our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the K. of P., being treasurer of the latter order. The following is a sketch of the Webber family to which Mrs. Dutton belongs: The father, Nathaniel Webber, died in May, 1857, aged fifty. His wife still survives him at the age of seventy-eight. They had seven children. The only son, Nathaniel, in 1861, enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Ohio regiment. At the battle of Shiloh, he was severely wounded and carried into a hospital tent on the Union side. A few hours later the Confederates made a charge upon this locality

and young Webber received a second gunshot wound. Afterward he was put on a boat to be transported back, but it is presumed that he died there as he was never afterward heard of. Mrs. Dutton is the oldest of the Webber children now living. Mrs. Palmyra Jordan, the next oldest, lives in Noble county. Another child, now Nancy Wagner, resides at South Olive. Abigail, the oldest of the family, married Lorenzo Powell, and died in Jackson county, W. Va., aged thirty-eight. The other children were: Orilla, who died at the age of eight, and Caroline, wife of Joseph Schriner, who died in 1864, aged about twenty-six.

S. W. Dutton, a well-to-do farmer and stock-raiser of Washington county, was born April 7, 1825, his parents being Hanson and Elizabeth (James) Dutton. The father was born in Loudoun county, Va., September 13, 1799. When but three years of age, he went with his grandfather to Ohio, where, in 1802, they settled on Duck creek, in Washington county. Hanson subsequently owned the land on which Elba is now located. He was a pioneer of the pioneers and one of that hardy band to which the present generation is so much indebted. He raised a family of ten children, eight still living, our subject being the fourth born. Hanson was a farmer and stuck close to that business all of his life. Our subject followed in his footsteps and has met with decided success as a breeder of valuable stock and in general farming. May 29, 1850, he married Miss Marilla, daughter of James and Jane (Dixon) Ogle. James Ogle was an Irishman, and when five years old came with his father to what is now Noble county, where he lived until his death, August 8, 1870, at the age of seventy-six. His wife survived to the advanced age of ninety, and died January 14, 1888. They had eleven children, six still living, Mrs. Dutton being the fourth born. Mr. and Mrs. Dutton have eight children: Ralph, Jasper O., Welthy, wife of Michael Steen; Francis R., Shriver, Ettie M., Adda, wife of George Warren; Minnie and Hanson. Mr. Dutton belongs to the I. O. O. F., and his son Hanson is prelate of the K. of P. lodge.

Charles W. Eddy, M. D., was born in Adams township, Washington county, Ohio, July 5, 1852; his parents were Erastus and Elizabeth (Raney) Eddy. The paternal grandfather, Charles Eddy, was a native of Rhode Island, but came to Ohio and settled in Adams township in 1839, where he cleared and improved a farm. His wife was Polly Clark, by whom he had the following children: Mrs. Lillie Jenne, Horace and Erastus. William B. and Sarah (Hughes) Raney, the maternal grandparents, were natives of Noble county, Ohio. Erastus Eddy has spent his life in Washington county from his ninth year, and has always been engaged in agriculture, now occupying the old home farm in

Adams township. He is the father of two sons, Charles W. and Elvin P., the latter is now a student in the Cincinnati Dental college. Dr. Charles W. Eddy, the principal of this sketch, was brought up on the paternal farm in Adams township, and received his education at Beverly and Marietta academies. He read medicine with Dr. Joseph Parker, of Beverly, Ohio, and was graduated from Miami Medical college, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1877. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Winchester, Guernsey county, Ohio, in July of that year, and in the spring of 1879 was given a professional place at Athens Insane Asylum, and filled that position for a year and a half. In September, 1880, Dr. Eddy came to Marietta, and has since been engaged in practicing in that place. In September, 1877, his marriage to Miss Anna Teter, daughter of Jacob and Mary Teter, of Iowa, was solemnized. Their union has resulted in the birth of one son, Homer E. Dr. Eddy is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, a member of the Ohio State and Washington County Medical societies. For four years he was pension examiner of Washington county, and for several years has been secretary of the Marietta Board of Health. He is a member of the following secret fraternities: F. & A. M., R. A. M., K. of P., and also of the Jr. O. U. A. M. Eleazer Eddy and Capt. Clark, his great-grandfathers, were soldiers in the Revolutionary war.

Henry Fearing, probably the oldest living citizen of Marietta, was born at Fort Harmar, Washington county, Ohio, June 16, 1798, and was a son of Paul and Cynthia (Rouse) Fearing, the former of whom was born in Wareham, Plymouth county, Mass., February 28, 1762, the son of Noah and Mary Fearing. He was prepared for Harvard college by the minister of his parish and graduated from that institution in 1785. In 1786, he began the study of law at Windham, Conn., and was admitted to the bar of the state in September, 1787. In May, 1788, he started from Boston for Marietta, Ohio, on foot. Reaching Pittsburg he traveled the remainder of the distance by boat, and arrived in Marietta June 16, 1788. The following September he was admitted to the bar of Northwest territory. As lawyer's fees were scarce, he supported himself by supplying the troops at Fort Harmar with fresh meat, and must have filled his contract acceptably, as Maj. Doughty, when the troops left the fort, presented him with his house and garden. He had not made a fortune in the meat business, only having received $13.33 per month. In this house, which was within the inclosure of the fort walls, he resided with his father until after his marriage. His was a busy life. He was probate judge of Washington county in 1797. In 1799, he was a member of the first legislature, held at Cincinnati, and in 1801–2 was a member of congress, afterward served as judge of the court of common pleas. He was active in all public enter-

prises, and planned and superintended the construction of the road from Marietta to Chillicothe through an unbroken wilderness in 1801. In 1802, he imported a valuable flock of sheep from Spain for breeding purposes, thus being the first to introduce Merino sheep into this part of the world. November 28, 1795, he married Cynthia, daughter of John and Rebecca Barker Rouse, who settled in Belpre, in 1788, and by her had four children: Lucy (Mrs. John P. Mayberry), Henry, Paul and Cynthia. Mr. Paul Fearing and wife both died August 22, 1822. Henry, the eldest son, was educated at the Ohio state university, Athens, Ohio, in his native town, and began life as a farmer. Subsequently he engaged in merchandising, and for a time followed steamboating. He was married twice, his first wife having been Eliza, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Shaw) Dana, of Waterford, who bore him five children: Paul, Sarah (Mrs. Horace Norton), Henry D., Carrie (Mrs. W. H. Blymyer), and Benjamin D. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Earl Gardner, of Kent, Ohio. Benjamin D. Fearing, the youngest son of Henry and Eliza (Dana) Fearing, was born at Harmar, Ohio, October 10, 1837, and was graduated from Marietta college in 1856. For five years thereafter he was engaged in business, first at Cincinnati, and later at Philadelphia. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the Zouave guards at Cincinnati, afterward Company D, Second Ohio regiment, and took part in the battle of Bull Run. During his first three months' service he applied himself strictly to his duties, and became one of the best drilled soldiers in the company, and was promoted to fourth corporal. He then assisted in raising the Thirty-sixth Ohio at Marietta and before it was completed, accompanied six companies to the field. He was soon afterward appointed adjutant of the Sixty-third Ohio, and while on his way to report for duty, was notified of his promotion to major of the Seventy-seventh Ohio regiment. He rose rapidly to distinction, and in August, 1862, was appointed lieutenant colonel of the Ninety-second Ohio regiment, and in December, 1864, was commissioned brevet-brigadier general for gallant services during the long campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta and from Atlanta to Savannah. After being mustered out of the service he became a member of a manufacturing company, operated by Blymyer, Norton & Co., of Cincinnati, and subsequently engaged in the manufacture and sale of oils, with T. J. Cochran. His health beginning to fail him, he returned to his home in Harmar in 1879, and died there December 9, 1881. He was a gallant, patriot soldier, a business man of ability and strict integrity, and a true citizen of his beloved land. He fills an honored soldier's grave, than which no greater praise can be given him.

C. H. Feldner, one of the prominent business men of Lower Salem, was born in the county of his residence in 1862, his par-

ents being David and Rebecca (Elliot) Feldner, both natives of Ohio. The father is a stock dealer residing near Lower Salem. He is well and favorably known throughout Washington and Monroe counties. The subject of this sketch is the only child of his parents. He began business for himself in 1884, at which time he bought his first stock of goods and opened the store of which he is now proprietor. He first entered into a partnership with J. A. Larcomb, which continued about a year, when our subject purchased the interest of his partner, since which time he has run the business alone. He has met with flattering success, and has built a new brick building which contains his stock of goods, the upstairs part answering as his residence. At present he is recognized as one of the responsible business men of the community. Under the administration of President Cleveland, he was appointed postmaster, which position he held about three years, giving entire satisfaction to the patrons. September 22, 1887, he was married to Miss Anna R., daughter of Isaac and Maria Muggrage, honored residents of Salem.

The Hon. Martin Dewey Follett was born in Franklin county, Vt., the son of John Fassett Follett, and grandson of Martin Dewey Follett, who escaped with his mother, brothers and sisters from the Wyoming valley in July, 1778, after his father had been killed by the Indians and tories. The family is of old New England Scotch-Irish and Anglo-Saxon stock, its members having been conspicuous in colonial days and during the war of the Revolution. Capt. John F. Follett removed from Vermont and settled in Licking county, Ohio, with his family. Of the six sons three are now engaged in the practice of law in Ohio, one of them being Judge Charles Follett, of Newark, another the Hon. John F. Follett, of Cincinnati, and the third, the subject of this mention. Another son is Dr. Alfred Follett, of Granville, Ohio, and the others, George and Austin W. Follett, are wool merchants of New York city. Martin was but nine years old when the family settled on an uncleared farm in Ohio. They lived in a log cabin until the father and sons had cleared a hundred acres and built a barn and frame house. During this time he attended school or taught in the winter months. Having determined to gain a liberal education he prepared for college, supporting himself by his own labors, and in 1853 was graduated from Marietta college with the first honors of his class. He taught in the schools of Marietta, in Newark high school, and later became a tutor in Marietta college, and for two years was superintendent of public schools of Marietta, at the same time being engaged in the study of law. He was married in 1856 to Miss Harriet L. Shipman. In 1875 he was again married, Miss Abbie M. Bailey, of Lowell, Mass., becoming his wife. Mr. Follett was admitted to the bar of Marietta in 1858, and later was admitted to practice in the United

States courts at Cincinnati. During his residence in Marietta, which, with the exception of one year spent at Newark, has been his home since 1851, he has taken a deep and active interest in educational matters, and for many years was president of the Washington County Teachers' association, and for twelve years a member of the board of education of Marietta, and is at present a trustee of Marietta college. Since his seventeenth year he has been a member of the Congregational church, and has been a delegate to the national meeting of that denomination. In 1879 Mr. Follett was sent by Gov. Bishop as a delegate from Ohio to the national conference of charities and corrections, which met in Chicago, and in 1880–81–82 was appointed by Gov. Foster as a delegate to the same body, which met in those years at Cleveland, Boston, Madison and Louisville, and at present he is vice president for Ohio of the National Association for the Protection of the Insane and the Prevention of Insanity. He has also taken much interest in reformatories and in prison discipline, and in December, 1882, read a paper before the Ohio State Bar association on "The Proper Punishment of Criminals, and the Restoration to Citizenship of those discharged from Confinement." Mr. Follett represented his congressional district in the national democratic convention of 1864 at Chicago which nominated Gen. George B. McClellan for president. He was a candidate for congress in 1866 and again in 1868, and ran ahead of his party ticket in nearly every county in the district on both occasions. In 1883 he was elected to the supreme bench of Ohio, and served until 1887. Mr. Follett at present is engaged in the practice of his profession at Marietta. He occupies the residence built by Gov. Return Jonathan Meigs, which is pleasantly situated on the banks of the Muskingum river. Multiplied words are needless in writing of this man. His public and private career is open to inspection. The mere mention of his long and honorable career is sufficient evidence of his great ability and popularity in his adopted state, which has been the scene of his labors, disappointments and triumphs.

Orange J. Fuller was born in Marietta, Ohio, January 20, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Zarina Eliza (Judd) Fuller. His paternal grandfather was a native of New York and a pioneer of Marietta township. His sons were: Isaac, Sudney, Aaron, Orange F. and Samuel. The maternal grandfather of the subject was Chauncey Judd, also a native of New York, a pioneer of Harmar, Ohio, and was postmaster of that place for several years. The father of the subject was a native of Marietta and a cabinet-maker by trade, and for many years carried on the undertaking business. He died in April, 1885. His children were: Albert, Andrew J., Orange J. and Clara S. (twins). Our subject was reared and educated in Marietta, and learned

the wood-turner's trade, which he followed six years. In 1884 he succeeded his father in the undertaking business in which he is still engaged. In January, 1885, he married Miss Nellie, daughter of Simeon and Lizzie (Jones) Sayre, of Marietta, formerly of England. Mr. Fuller is a member of the K. of P., F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. fraternities, and in politics is independent.

George T. Gale, M. D., member of the firm of Gale Bros., Newport, Ohio, was born in Washington county, December 22, 1852, his parents being G. W. and Catherine (Wells) Gale, both natives of Virginia. The father was a physician and practiced in Newport for over sixty years, becoming quite eminent in his profession and enjoying an enviable reputation throughout that section of the state. He was a member of the Catholic church while his wife was a communicant of the Episcopal. He died in July, 1877, at the venerable age of eighty, his wife surviving him until April, 1881, when she expired at the age of sixty-seven. They had a family of twelve children, nine of whom still survive. Their names are: John W., who died in 1872, aged thirty-four; Mary, died in 1860, aged twenty; Alcinda, Rachel, Ellen, Nicholas, Veronica, wife of Dr. J. M. Stephenson, of Parkersburg, who died in June, 1890; Constantine, a practicing physician in Pennsylvania; George T., Hammett, a dentist in Baltimore; Ada and Bernard. Our subject studied medicine in Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the Jefferson Medical college, class of 1874. He commenced the practice of medicine at Newport, where he has continued ever since with the exception of one year spent at Matamoras. He has been very successful in his practice and is a member of the Washington County and Ohio State Medical associations, being vice president of the former society. His marriage took place in February, 1882, to Miss Myra, daughter of Richard and Maria Hays. The marriage has resulted in the birth of one child, George H. The doctor is a member of the Catholic church, and enjoys very general esteem.

C. Bernard Gale, M. D., physician and surgeon, and member of the firm of Gale Bros., in Newport, was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1857. He was educated in Newport, and began the study of medicine at the age of twenty-two, under the tutelage of his brother, Dr. George T., who is senior member of the firm. He was graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, in the class of 1881. He formed a partnership with his brother at Newport, and entered at once upon the practice. He has been actively engaged ever since, and is recognized as one of the rising young physicians of the county. He is a member of the Washington county and Ohio State medical associations. He served as coroner of the county for one year, and township treasurer for two years. He is president of the Newport Mill Company and is favorably known as a good busi-

ness man. In 1883 Dr. Gale was married to Miss Maggie Hadley, daughter of John Hadley, of this county. They have one child, Mary. The doctor is a member of the Catholic, and his wife of the Congregational church. Socially the family ranks among the best, and enjoy general esteem.

Beman Gates, son of Rev. Aaron and Ruth (Beman) Gates, was born in Montague, Franklin county, Mass., January 5, 1818, and is of Puritan stock, his ancestors having settled in Massachusetts in 1634. He received his classical education under his father and at the Amherst academy. In 1837 he settled at Marietta, and two years later, with George W. and Charles D. Tyler, established the *Marietta Intelligencer*, with Beman Gates as editor, although he had but barely reached his twenty-first year. In 1844 Charles D. Tyler sold his interest in the paper to his brother and Mr. Gates, and in 1845 the latter purchased the remaining interest of George W. Tyler, and conducted the journal alone until 1856, when he sold it, after a career of seventeen years as an editor. In 1847, what is now the Cincinnati branch of the B. & O. railroad was chartered, and in 1853 was re-organized as the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad, when Mr. Gates was appointed a director of the road and took an active part in its construction. In 1857 he resigned his directorship, and the following year was elected vice president and general superintendent of the road, and also of the Hillsboro division, and remained in that position until 1860. From 1862, the year of its organization, to 1887, he was president of the First National bank of Marietta, and since that time has been its vice-president. In 1841, Mr. Gates was married to Miss Betsy Shipman, daughter of Charles and Joanna (Bartlett) Shipman. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Gates was Joshua Shipman, a native of Saybrook, Conn., who settled at Marietta in 1790, and was a carpenter by trade. His son, Charles, was for many years a prominent merchant of Athens, Ohio, and later at Marietta, where he was engaged in business with his brother Samuel. Mrs. Gates' maternal grandfather was Henry Bartlett, formerly of Beverly, Mass., who came to Marietta in 1795, and one year later settled at Athens, Ohio, where he taught school. He was secretary of the trustees of Ohio university, and for many years was clerk of the court of Athens county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are the parents of three children: Mary B. (Mrs. Gen. R. R. Dawes), Charles B. (first lieutenant of the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio volunteers, died at Harper's Ferry in 1864), and Betsy S. (Mrs. W. W. Mills).

Henry Gerke, a representative citizen of Marietta, was born in Cincinnati, August 17, 1860, his parents being Henry and Mary (Meinert) Gerke. Henry Gerke, his father, settled in Cincinnati in 1849. He was a native of Hanover, Germany. He

began the manufacture of brick in Cincinnati in 1850, and continued in that industry until 1872, when he engaged in the distilling business, and was interested in that at the time of his death, in 1878. Henry Gerke, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in Cincinnati, and on reaching his majority he entered the employ of the Union Distilling company of that city as dry gauger and superintendent of the warehouse. In 1885 he left that concern, and for two years thereafter was engaged in the saloon business, and from 1887 to 1890, was superintendent of the shipping department of the Gerke Brewing company. In November, 1890, he assumed the charge of the wholesale department of the business in Marietta, and has since been thus engaged. Mr. Gerke was happily married August 17, 1881, to Miss Elizabeth Rowekamp, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Rowekamp, of Cincinnati, and three children are the offspring of this union, viz.: Robert, Elsie and Harry. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, and Mr. Gerke is a firm supporter of the democratic party.

John W. Gerken was born in Hanover, Germany, April 1, 1850. His parents were William and Anna Gerken, who came to America in 1852, and settled in Marietta, where the father was employed in a bucket factory for many years, being at present an employe of the Marietta Chair company. The father has been twice married, his first wife, Anna, having borne him but one child. By his second wife, whose name was Martha Gerken, he had nine children: Nora, William, Thomas, George, Mrs. Anna Obrien, David, Jesse, Blanche and Martha. John W. Gerken was reared and educated in Marietta, where he learned the carpenter's trade which he followed for four years. For seventeen years subsequent he was engaged as a cabinet-maker, and in 1889 embarked in the grocery business in Harmar, and has since continued in that trade, having succeeded in building up a large and constantly growing concern. In 1887, he married Carry Strecker, daughter of George and Johanna Strecker, of Harmar. One son has been born to this union, namely: J. Carlton. Mr. Gerken is one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Harmar and is widely known as a successful merchant. His political faith is founded upon the principles of the democratic party.

O. S. Gilchriest, mayor of the town of Macksburg, and dealer in groceries, jewelry, boots and shoes, was born in Bedford county, Penn., July 10, 1845. His parents were Thomas and Catherine (Manspeaker) Gilchriest, both natives of the state above mentioned. The father was a carpenter by trade and died in 1878, at the age of sixty-four, but the wife is still living at the age of seventy. They had thirteen children, of whom twelve are still living. When thirteen years old, our subject began clerking

in a drug store, and was afterward in the milling business for seven years. June 28, 1863, he enlisted in Company H, Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania regiment, which was principally engaged in doing guard duty. After his discharge, he continued the milling business until 1864, in the fall of which year he came to Ohio. There he superintended the oil works for his uncle, John Gilchriest. Afterward he went into the coal business which was his occupation for four years. Returning to Pennsylvania, he took employment in the ore mines, which was his occupation for one summer. Subsequently he worked in George Rice's refinery in Marietta, Ohio, for twenty months, after which he served as railroad conductor for four years on the C. & M. railroad. In 1885, he returned to Macksburg, of which he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland. During his term, which he filled to the entire satisfaction of the community, Mr. Gilchriest was appointed mayor of Macksburg, to fill a vacancy, to which office he was subsequently re-elected, and is now serving his third term very acceptably to all concerned. He also carries on a mercantile business with success. March 22, 1866, he was married to Miss Nancy Jane, daughter of John Eagler of Noble county. The union has resulted in the birth of two children: Frankie E., who died in 1871, aged three years; and Kenner F., who is engaged in the oil business as tool dresser. Mr. Gilchriest is past-master in the Masonic order and is a member of the K. of P., in which he has passed all the chairs, and now fills the office of D. D. G. C. He deserves the credit of being called a self-made man, having achieved much in life from a very humble beginning. He is now secretary of the Masonic lodge and clerk of the board of education of Macksburg special school district.

James B. Greene is a native of Washington county, Ohio, where he was born September 11, 1832, his parents being Richard and Harriet (Brown) Greene, the father a native of Rhode Island, and the mother of Ohio, while it was still a territory. The father came to Ohio with his parents in 1796, settling first in Belpre, and in 1798, they made a permanent home in Newport. The Greenes and the Danas were the first permanent white settlers about Newport, being the pioneers of the pioneers, so to speak. The parents of Richard were John and Mary Greene, who were married September 22, 1771, and had some eight or nine children. John was born November 10, 1743, and died May 27, 1813. Mary was born March 14, 1748, and died September 24, 1823. Mary Greene was a sister of Christopher Greene, who was taken prisoner and confined in New York harbor during the Revolution. He was killed while defending himself, rather than be taken prisoner at Redstone. The family were closely related to Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary fame. Richard Greene, father of our subject, made and

owned one of the best farms in Newport township, which is now in the possession of his son, James B. It is beautifully located, has a commanding view of the Ohio river, and is in every respect a model American home. Richard was the father of four children, three still living: He was born April 29, 1781, and died February 13, 1873. His wife was born in 1798, and died in 1877. By a previous marriage with Miss Rebecca Lawton, Richard Greene was the father of five children, two of whom are living: Mrs. Richard Hays, of Newport, and Mrs. Luther Dana, of Chicago. Of the second marriage there are our subject, Mrs. Frederick Pearce, of Duluth and Mrs. Dr. James McClure, of Marietta. Our subject took charge of the homestead farm at twenty-one, and has continued farming all his life. He was elected to the legislature in 1866, served one term and gave entire satisfaction. He also served as justice of the peace and member of the school board. He was married first in 1856, to Melissa, daughter of Francis and Sarah Wood. Two children resulted from this marriage: Alice, wife of E. M. Tracewell, and Francis, auditor of the Chicago City Street railway. The mother died December 28, 1860, aged twenty-eight, a devout member of the Baptist church. The second marriage of our subject was in December, 1861, to Miss Mary, daughter of Isaac and Jane Adkins. By the second marriage he has had seven children: Jane, wife of William Torner; Pearl, Mary, who is organist of the church at Newport, and well versed in music; Harriet, George, Ralph and Carl. Mrs. Greene and six of the older children, are members of the Baptist church. In May, 1864, our subject enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio National Guard., and served principally on guard duty. The regiment served under Gen. Butler, and our subject was discharged in September, 1864. Mr. Greene cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Fremont, the "path-finder," and first republican candidate.

Christopher Greene was born in Washington county, Ohio, April 8, 1809, his parents being John, Jr., and Mary (Hill) Geeene. The former was a native of Rhode Island. This branch of the family has been designated as the Warwick Greenes, as an ancestor, John, with three other men, founded the town of Warwick. Roger Williams with the Greenes purchased a large tract of land of the Indians in Rhode Island, paying for the same in wampum. Roger Williams was related to the Greene family on his mother's side. John, the father of our subject, came from Rhode Island at the age of eighteen. He was born in 1773, and died in 1855. His wife's death occurred October 23, 1853, she being sixty-six years old. These parents had ten children: Christopher, a child that died in infancy; William H. (married Susan Williams; he died in Iowa, November 10, 1856, aged forty-five years; his children were: Daniel R., Sarah M., Will B.,

deceased in 1885, aged thirty-one); John married Elizabeth Haskell, died in 1858, aged forty-five years; Daniel, died in 1844, aged twenty-eight; Sarah E., wife of P. F. Dana, died in 1857, aged thirty-nine; Charles H., born August, 1821, died October 10, 1890; Rufus, married Ellen Echols. He now resides on the old homestead; Richard, born March 26, 1828, died August 21, 1857; and Luther, who married Bulah Huggins, later Ada Miller, now living at Osage Mission, Kan. Christopher Greene was educated at Marietta academy, having been a student there in 1828–29. He worked on his father's farm until reaching his majority, when he engaged in the river business as a steamboat man, and continued in that occupation for the next twelve years on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. From 1832 to 1840, he served as a pilot. He made the quickest trip ever made from an upper Ohio river point to New Orleans on a flat-boat, the time being seventeen days, eighteen hours. From 1840 to 1855, he was employed in a saw-mill of which he was the owner. Since the latter year he has been engaged in farming, in which vocation he has met with success. September 18, 1850, Mr. Greene was married to Miss Mary Wood, daughter of James Wood, of Pleasants County, W. Va., and their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, named: Lydia G., wife of Marcelair Ray. Her husband died in July, 1883, and the widow is now operating the farm and two stores; Mary E., wife of Dr. J. H. McElHinney; Carrie, wife of Junius Greenwood; Gordon C., who is a part owner of the steamer H. K. Bedford, plying between Wheeling and Pittsburg, he being her captain and pilot; and Joseph E. W., who is a clerk in Mrs. Ray's mercantile establishment. Mrs. Greene is the owner of the Two Brother Islands, situated below the village of Newport. These islands have lately become famous because of their remarkable production of petroleum. They have a daily production of over 250 barrels per day, and bring the owner a handsome income every day. Christopher Greene enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-eighth regiment, Ohio National Guard, during the late war, and served for four and a half months, from May 2, to September 14, 1864. The regiment was engaged in guard duty during this time, and Mr. Greene was compelled to leave the service on account of disability. While on one of his numerous trips to the south he saw the famous duel fought by Prentice and Foot, in 1833. Our subject was a trustee of the township for several terms, and during the war for sometime was engaged in detective work. He followed two thieves 737 miles between Pittsburg and Parkersburg before capturing them. They made the trip back and forth several times, but at last he apprehended them. Mrs. Greene is a consistent and valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Greene is a member of

the G. A. R., and is a staunch republican. As a citizen he is held in the highest regard by the community in which he resides.

W. R. Grimes, a member of the leading shoe firm of James & Grimes, of Marietta, was born in Lowell, Washington county, Ohio, October 18, 1857, his parents being David M. and Mary A. (Chapman) Grimes. The former was the son of Lemuel Grimes, who for many years was a prominent citizen of Fearing township, and for some time superintendent of the Washington County infirmary. He had eight children, named: Mrs. Ruth Henderson, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Mrs. Melinda Hovey, Mrs. Wesley Reckard, Mrs. Matilda Buell, David M., John and Edwin. The maternal grandfather of these children was David Chapman, a pioneer farmer of Adams township, Washington county, Ohio. David M. Grimes passed most of his life in Marietta, where he was employed as a carpenter. Of the three children born to him our subject is the only surviving one. The latter was reared and educated in Marietta, and began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store. Filling that position for four years he then became employed in a shoe concern, serving in the capacity of clerk from 1877 to 1880. From the latter year to 1889, Mr. Grimes was agent and clerk for the C. & M. railroad. In the last mentioned year he embarked in the retail shoe business with C. W. James, the firm name being James & Grimes. On the 11th of November, 1886, Mr. Grimes was happily married to Miss Laura Nelly, daughter of Christian and Caroline (Heil) Nelly, of Parkersburg, W. Va. One daughter, Nellie, has been born into their home. Mr. Grimes is one of the enterprising and successful merchants of Marietta, and he is held in the highest esteem in the community, both for his unquestioned ability and sterling integrity. He is an ardent republican and a member of the K. of P.

Louis Gruber was born in Noble county, Ohio, in 1855, his parents being Nicholas and Caroline (Stegner) Gruber, the father of Germany and the mother of Ohio. Mr. Gruber, the elder, was a merchant of Germantown for many years. He came from Germany with his parents at the age of sixteen. They settled in Allegheny City for about three years, then spent two years in Louisiana in the timber business, after which they came to Noble county, Ohio, and cleared two farms. The father was a very successful business man, having a natural talent for making money. He died in 1880, aged sixty years, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1875, aged fifty-four. They had a family of seven children, six of whom are still living. After the death of his father our subject began life for himself at the age of twenty-six. He commenced in the merchandising business which he followed successfully ever since. He closed out the

the business in Germantown and came to Whipple in 1881, where he opened a store and has enjoyed an extensive patronage, his establishment being the oldest of the kind located in the town. He has managed his affairs with energy and good judgment, to which qualities his success is chiefly due. His marriage took place in 1876 to Miss Sarah Hendershot, of Germantown, and the result of the union has been six children: Hermon A., George W., Maggie M., Myrtie E., Winifred and Clarence H. Mr. Gruber was appointed postmaster in 1885, and held the position until June 15, 1889. He proved to be a popular and efficient officer, giving general satisfaction to all the patrons of the office.

Henry Gruber, a carpenter at Whipple, was born in Noble county, Ohio, April 17, 1848, a son of Peter and Catherine (Stegner) Gruber, both natives of Germany. The father came from Germany at the age of eighteen with his parents who settled at Pittsburg, and from there moved to Noble county, Ohio. He followed the life of a farmer and died in 1887, aged sixty-nine. His wife is still living at the age of about seventy. They had ten children, eight of whom are still living. At the age of twenty-one our subject began life as a carpenter. He has been engaged in saw-milling for about seven years, owning an interest in the business. For the most part he has followed carpentering but was also engaged in the mercantile business for about three years in Whipple. He disposed of his interest in 1885, to L. Gruber, who still carries on the store. In 1872, May 12, he married Miss Caroline, daughter of Adam and Caroline (Lang) Beck, residents of Washington county, of German birth. Mr. and Mrs. Beck had six children, five of whom survive: Caroline, Emma, widow of George Miller; Matilda, wife M. H. Palmer; Catherine, wife of John Palmer; Phebe (deceased), and Charles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gruber are members of the Lutheran church, and very generally esteemed.

Bion E. Guyton, a prominent attorney at law, was born in Marietta, November 10, 1861, his parents being Joshua L. and Matilda (Johnson) Guyton. The paternal grandfather was a native of Essex county, Del., of French parentage. He was a millwright by trade, and in the early part of the thirties settled in Washington county, Ohio, and remained there until his death in Lawrence township in 1871. His wife's maiden name was Waldraven. She bore him ten children: William W., Mrs. Priscilla Hill, Isaac, Mrs. Nancy Eckelberry, Mrs. Mary Sumption, Abram, John, James, Mrs. Jane Nye, Joshua and Jacob. Joshua Guyton was born at Georgetown, Ohio, and reared in Washington county. He is a machinist by trade, and has been a resident of Marietta since 1855. His wife was a daughter of Edward and Maria (Van Winkle) Johnson, of Marietta township, but formerly of New York state. They had three children: Edward J.,

Bion E. and Lawrence. Bion E. Guyton obtained a thorough academical education and then learned stationary engineering, which he followed for four years. In 1882 he began the study of law with Hon. H. L. Sibley, and was admitted to practice in 1886, and has since followed his profession at Marietta, where he has come to be recognized as a man of ability. August 23, 1888, he married Mary J., daughter of John and Eunice C. (Holmes) Saulsbury, of Brownsville, Monroe Co., Ohio, and one daughter has been born to them, Myrtilla C. Mr. Guyton's father was the first man to use natural gas as a fuel, having conducted it from a spring to his residence by means of wooden pipes in 1853. Mr. Guyton is serving his second term as justice of the peace of Marietta, and is a faithful republican. He and wife are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles Haas, a prosperous jeweler of Lower Salem, was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1852. His parents, Valentine and Magdalene (Boger) Haas, were natives of Germany, the former having been born there in 1826 and the latter in 1833. They were married in 1851. The father came to America in 1836 and remained in Philadelphia about four years, from which place he and his parents found their way to Salem township in 1840. Mr. Haas, Sr., then went to Marietta, Ohio, and engaged in work, later occupying a position on a boat which traveled on the river, between Marietta and New Orleans, from which place he returned to Salem township in 1851, where he still resides, an aged and respected citizen. His father was L. Haas, who was born in Bavaria in 1789 and emigrated to Salem township in 1840, tarrying a few years in Pennsylvania. He was a soldier under Napoleon for four years and took part in the battles of Moscow and Waterloo. In 1819, he married Sophia Lorantz in Bavaria. She was born in 1799 and the children which resulted from this union are as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Trapp of Lowell; Mathias Haas of Warren; Christian Watson of Marietta; Valentine Haas of Salem. The oldest son died unnamed, while Mrs. Haas departed this life in 1865, her husband followed in 1878. The wife of Valentine Haas died June 28, 1887, at the age of fifty-five. She was the mother of six children, of whom five are now living: Charles of Salem; Wallace of Marietta; Jacob of Salem; William of the same city; Rosa Spies, also of Salem; and Lizzie Neun, who died in Washington county. Charles Haas began life at the age of eighteen in the shoemaker's business, at which he worked until 1874, when he established a shoe store of his own, carrying a large stock of boots and shoes of the finest quality. He learned the trade of a jeweler, which he has since carried on with considerable success. He has a varied stock in clocks, watches, jewelry, etc., valued at $2,000, and does a thrifty business, having the only jewelry store in his part of the county.

Unfortunately, he lost nearly $2,800 worth of property by fire on June 30, 1886, which was entirely ruined, but he has repaired this damage by pluck and industry and built again on an enlarged scale. He has served as township treasurer for about six years, his continued re-elections showing that he has given satisfaction. In 1878, he married Miss Magdalena Lauer, of Salem township, who was born in Washington county in 1860 and by whom he has had three children: Emma, Laura and George. Both parents are members of the German Lutheran church and enjoy general esteem. The parents of Mrs Haas were Jacob and Catherine (Close) Lauer, both natives of Germany, the former being born in 1819 and the latter in 1828. Jacob Lauer came to America in 1840, and his wife came with her parents in the year 1831. They were married in 1847 and settled in Salem township on a farm. In 1888, Mr. Lauer died and his wife is patiently waiting the summons which shall call her to join her husband in that better land. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: George, Jacob, Daniel, William, Lewis, Christopher, Magdalena, the wife of Mr. Haas, and Mrs. Mary Barner, all residents of Salem township. The father of Jacob Lauer was George P. Lauer, born in 1796 and came from Bavaria to Ohio, settling in Salem township in 1840. His wife Margaret lived from 1791 until 1875. Their children are as follows: Jacob, Margaret, the wife of John Gearhard, of Muskingum township; and Elizabeth, who married Lewis Pfaff. They moved to Missouri, where both died. Mr. Lauer died in 1869.

John G. Hall is a native of Massachusetts, having first seen the light in the town of Williamstown, that state, on the 10th of October, 1817. His parents, William and Mary (Cary) Hall were both born in Rhode Island, and the father died in Massachusetts. In the spring of 1835 Mrs. Hall and her children emigrated to Ohio and located at Harmar, which was annexed to Marietta in 1890. Until 1848 and thereafter John Hall was variously engaged. In the latter year he assumed the management of the engine and machine departments of the Marietta bucket factory, and held that position for twenty years. During a portion of that period he was interested in the Harmar Foundry and Machine company, and later, for eighteen years was engaged in the same business with Joel M. Blair. In 1888 W. S. and D. P. Patton purchased Mr. Blair's interest and a portion of Mr. Hall's. Since that time the concern has been conducted under the firm name of Patton, Hall & Patton. Mr. Hall was married April 24, 1842, to Miss Maria, daughter of George and Jemima (Hawkins) Locker, of Marietta. Mr. Hall is a member of the F. & A. M., R. A. M. and I. O. O. F. He made the first drilling tools for drilling the first oil well at Cow Run, which was a success, and has since manufactured a great deal of oil machinery. For sev-

eral terms he has been a republican member of the Harmar city council, and is regarded as a representative and progressive citizen.

M. V. Hardy, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Lower Salem, Ohio, was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, near Cleveland City, August 7, 1832. His parents were John R. and Julia A (Goodrich) Hardy, the former of Maine and the other of New York. The father came to Ohio in 1820 with his parents, the latter settling in Morgan, now Noble, county, where they spent their lives. John R. Hardy was a physician and practiced at Sharon until the spring of 1848, when he moved to Washington county, Ohio, where he died May 3, 1875, aged sixty-three years. His wife's death took place in 1840, at the early age of thirty-eight years. They had three children: M. V., Susan, wife of P. P. Palmer, died in 1888, and Andrew J. Our subject began life at the age of twenty, practicing medicine, in which occupation he has since continued. He studied under his father, attended one course of lectures at Cleveland, and was graduated in the medical college of Columbus, Ohio, in 1880, taking the honorary degree. He is one of the oldest practitioners of the county, having practiced thirty-eight years in this one locality. He has been very successful in his profession and is numbered among the leading physicians of his section. As a citizen he is responsible and progressive, always being at the front in public enterprises that promise good to the community. His marriage took place February 16, 1854, to Miss Adeline E., daughter of Rev. John and Sophia Collins of this county. The union has been productive of the following named children: Dr. John C., a practicing physician located in Lower Salem; Ella, wife of Benjamin Blake of Washington county, and Edward A., who married Miss Anna Weiss, whose death occurred in April, 1890. Dr. J. C. Hardy married Miss Clara Gearhart, and they have three children: Jesse, Earl and Ben. The subject of our sketch has passed through all the degrees of the I. O. O. F. lodge. In politics, the doctor is a republican, and it is not straining the truth in the slightest degree to say that he is one of the best and most enterprising men of the county who deserves and enjoys general esteem.

Romeyn B. Hart, Jr., M. D., a leading physician of Marietta, was born in Harmar, Ohio, June 19, 1858, his parents being Romeyn B. and Martha E. (Metcalf) Hart. A more extended mention of the Hart family will be found in the biographical sketch of Dr. Seth Hart, grandfather of the subject of this mention. Dr. Hart was reared in his native town and received his education in the Marietta academy. Choosing medicine as his profession in life, he began its study with Dr. Samuel Hart, of Marietta, and subsequently was graduated from Ohio Medical college, of Cincinnati, March 3, 1882. He immediately began to

practice at Harmar, where he has since been located, having built up a large and extended practice and a widespread reputation as a physician of ability. He was married June 26, 1890, to Miss Saida E., daughter of Henry and Lena Gerken, of Harmar. Dr. Hart is a member of the Congregational church, and is a prominent member of the Washington County Medical society and the F. & A. M. For one term he ably discharged the duties of the coroner's office of Marietta, having been elected to that position by the republican party, of which he is a staunch member. The other children of Romeyn B. Hart, Sr., are William M., Harry M. and Helen W.

Dr. Simeon D. Hart was born in Watertown, Washington county, Ohio, August 13, 1818, the son of Deacon Benjamin and Honor (Deming) Hart. The father was born in New Britain, Conn., November 20, 1781, and was the son of Jehudah and Mary (Munson) Hart. The grandfather was a son of Deacon Elijah, who was the son of Deacon Thomas, son of Capt. Thomas, son of Thomas, who was the youngest son of Stephen Hart, a native of England, whence he came to Cambridge, Mass., in 1632. In 1639 he removed to Hartford, Conn., which place was named in his honor. Subsequently he removed to the town of Farmington, Conn. Deacon Benjamin Hart settled in Marietta, Ohio, in 1800. For some five years he was engaged in the manufacture of rope at that place, and in 1805 settled in Watertown, Ohio, where he purchased and cleared a farm. In 1852 he returned to Marietta, and subsequently became a resident of Newport, Ohio, and died in the latter place December 24, 1867, aged eighty-seven years. He was thrice married. First to Honor, daughter of Col. Simeon Deming, of Watertown, Ohio, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Austin, Columbus, Mary A., Lucy W., Simeon D., Sally E., Benjamin F. and Joel N. His second wife was Mrs. Esther (Wilson) Miner, who bore him three children: Esther M., Honor D. and Henry C. By his third wife, who was Mrs. Rebecca (White) Lawrence, he had two children: William M. and Frances A. Simeon D. Hart obtained a good schooling in his native county. He began the study of medicine with Dr. Seth Hart, of Harmar, and later attended the Ohio Medical college at Cincinnati. He began the practice of his chosen profession in June, 1844, and was successfully engaged in it until 1888, having won a widespread reputation for skill and professional integrity. During the civil war Dr. Hart was the surgeon of the expedition in the Morgan raid, and for nineteen years was physician and superintendent of the Washington County Children's Home. July 24, 1845, Lydia M., daughter of Rufus and Rebecca (White) Lawrence, became his wife. Since 1834, Dr. Hart has been a member of the Congregational church and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a republican.

Luther Hathaway, the subject of this sketch, was born at Savoy, Berkshire county, Mass., December 31, 1817. He was the youngest son of Nathaniel Gilbert and Vashti (Seymour) Hathaway, and counted among his ancestors on the paternal side, Gov. William Bradford and Sir Humphrey Gilbert, the navigator and discoverer. The progenitor of the name came from Devonshire, England, in the year 1635, landing at Barnstable, Bristol county, Mass. In Freetown, Taunton and Fall River, in the same county, the early families remained for many years. Most of the Hathaway name trace their ancestry to the same county, whether spelled Hadaway, Hatheway or Hathaway. Nathaniel Gilbert, a descendant of Sir Humphrey Gilbert, married Welthia, granddaughter of Gov. William Bradford. Their daughter, Welthia Gilbert, married Col. Ebenezer Hathaway, and he was grandfather of Lemuel Hathaway, whose son was Nathaniel Gilbert Hathaway. Many of the name are found on the rolls of the Revolutionary army, some of them attaining to positions of honor and trust both in civil and military life. The father and mother of Luther Hathaway were born in Taunton, Mass., from which town they removed to Savoy. From Berkshire county, Mass., his father removed to Macedon, Wayne county, N. Y., where Luther and his brothers and sisters received such education as was customary in New England families of those days. He was married August 29, 1842, to Clarissa Louise, daughter of John and Betsey (Elliott) Ripley, at Macedon, N. Y. The children of this marriage were Seymour Judson, born at Macedon, January 27, 1844, and John Gilbert, born at the same place November 24, 1850. Mr. Hathaway removed to Marietta, Ohio, in the spring of 1853. At the breaking out of the war of the rebellion in 1861, he enlisted, July 22, 1861, in Company B, Thirty-Ninth Ohio infantry. He was promoted to hospital steward and served in that capacity until the fall of Island No. 10, April 8th, 1862, soon after which a general hospital was organized at New Madrid, Mo., and he was detailed to take charge of same. During the winter of 1862-3 he was ordered to duty on board the floating hospital "Nashville," and in the spring of 1863, when Gen. Grant advanced on Vicksburg, Miss., the "Nashville" was was anchored off Miliken Bend, where Mr. Hathaway died April 1st, 1863. His remains were sent to Marietta, where he was buried with Masonic honors, in Mound Cemetery. His wife, Clarissa L. Hathaway and his son John G. Hathaway, returned to Macedon, N. Y., where she died December 27, 1863. Seymour J. Hathaway having begun to prepare for college at Marietta, in the winter of 1863, remained and graduated at Marietta college in 1869. John G. Hathaway returned to Marietta in the spring of 1869, and in 1875 was married to Miss Annette Morse, daughter of Justus Morse of that city. Seymour J. Hathaway was mar-

ried to Mary A. C. Means, daughter of William C. and Louise Dean (Cummings) Means, May 18th, 1876. Their children are William Luther Hathaway, born November 18th, 1877, and Louise Claire Hathaway, born August 18th, 1880. William C. Means is descended from an early settler of Freeport, Me., Thomas Means, killed by Indians in the French and Indian war of 1756. His grandfather, Thomas Means, son of the then Thomas Means, never saw his father, having been born soon after his father's death. Daniel Cummings, father of Louise Dean (Cummings) Means, settled in the same town as early as 1797 or 1798, coming from Hamilton, Mass., to Maine. William C. Means and Louise Dean Cummings were married in the year 1844, and had two children, Annie Louise and Mary A. C. Means. The property of Mr. Means in Portland, Me., having been destroyed by fire in the great conflagration of July 4, 1866, he removed to Marietta the same year, where he still resides. John Gilbert Hathaway and Annette Morse Hathaway removed in 1876 to Portsmouth, Ohio, and now have for several years resided in Chillicothe, Ohio. His children were as follows: William R., Annette, Gilbert and Luther Justus. Seymour J. Hathaway, after graduation in 1869, entered upon the study of law with Hon. Martin D. Follett, of Marietta, and was admitted to the bar in the year 1871, was elected city solicitor of the city of Marietta in 1874, was secretary of the committee of one hundred during the great centennial celebration conducted by that committee of citizens of Marietta in July, 1888. He is now engaged in the active practice of his profession in Marietta. John Gilbert Hathaway, after learning the business of photography with J. D. Cadwallader, in 1873 and 1874 began business for himself and has proven a successful and skillful artist in that line, and now has one of the finest and best equipped galleries in southern Ohio.

C. D. Hazen, one of the prominent men of Lower Salem, is a native of New York city, where he was born January 30, 1836. His parents are Samuel J. and Julia (Cooley) Hazen, both of New York. The father came west to Parkersburg in 1848, and two years afterward came to Washington county, of which he is still an honored resident. At present he is enjoying life at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. He lost his wife by death in 1852 when she was about forty-four years old. She was a devout member of the Baptist church, and an earnest Christian throughout life. These parents had five children, viz.: Mary A., C. D., Jane (deceased), Stowel S. and Margaret J. Stowel S. entered the service in 1861 in Company D, Twelfth Ohio regiment. He was wounded at the battle of Antietam, was discharged, returned home, recovered, and in 1863 raised a company with which he went out as lieutenant, being discharged at the

close of the war as captain of Company K, Second Ohio Heavy artillery. He is at present postmaster at Parkersburg, W. Va. Our subject was raised on the farm and began business for himself at the age of twenty-two. August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Ninety-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and fought his first battle at Hoover's Gap, then Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Brown's Ferry, Mission Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, and the Atlanta campaign. He took part in the famous march to the sea and the last battle of the command at Bentonville, N. C., which preceded the surrender of Gen. Joe Johnston. He was also a proud participant in the Grand Review which took place at Washington after the surrender. He served thirty-four and one-half months, and when discharged at Columbus, Ohio, was not in good physical condition. Since the close of the war, he has been practically an invalid. He has engaged in various pursuits, such as farming, merchandising and teaming, which he followed when health permitted. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster at Lower Salem, in which position he has given entire satisfaction. Mr. Hazen was married in 1859 to Mary J. Guitteau, by whom he has had two children: Flora E., who died November, 1866, aged eight, and Ida B., a teacher for many years. Mrs. Hazen died November, 1866, at the age of twenty-nine, and in 1870 he married Miss Lucinda Elliott, to whom one child, Laura B., was born. His second wife died in 1872, and our subject's third marriage took place in August, 1874, to Miss Margery Elliott, and the result of this union has been the birth of one child, Mary M. Both parents are members of the Baptist church. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R., and in every respect a citizen of whom any community might feel proud.

George Hendricks, a well-to-do farmer, formerly of Pleasants county, Va., now of Washington county, Ohio, is a native of Harrison county, Ohio, where he was born October 29, 1828, his parents being Andrew and Elizabeth (Rousch) Hendricks. The father was born in Pennsylvania and was a full brother to the father of Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, the distinguished Indiana statesman and vice-president of the United States. This relationship makes our subject a first cousin of the illustrious Indianian. The father of George Hendricks died when he was quite young, and he was left with his widowed mother who afterward married John Sisler. The latter proved to be a bad financier, and in a short time went through with what his predecessor had left to the family. They moved about from place to place until our subject grew large enough to work, when he left home and began life for himself. The necessity of constant labor deprived him entirely of educational privileges. He has been a hard working man all his life, but in his old age was fortunate enough to "strike oil." He is the lucky owner of 100 acres in the oil

field near Belmont, and on his place are four wells, one of which flows 800 barrels and another 300. He is also the possessor of a fine farm of eighty-five acres, in New Matamoras, Washington county, Ohio. In 1846 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna, daughter of Ambrose Wells, of Ohio. The union was productive of six children, of whom the following named are living: Henry, Rachel, George, Lewis and James. William was the name of the deceased. The mother, who was a native of Ohio, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and departed this life in June, 1870. In 1871 our subject took for his second wife Elizabeth Ray, who died without children. In 1881 he espoused Anna M., daughter of Conrad G. and Margaret (Kefnier) Huffman, natives of Germany. One child, Carrie A., was the result of this union. The mother was a native of Ohio, and had been previously married to John Bar, a native of Germany. She was the mother of a daughter who is known as Nannie M. Hendricks. Mrs. Hendricks holds membership with the Methodist church. George Hendricks has been a hard working man all his life, and has well earned all that he has. Everybody admits that he is one of the best citizens of the county, and he numbers his friends by the hundreds.

Col. Jesse Hildebrand was born in Warren county, Penn., May 22, 1800. He was the first white child born in that section of the state. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Kingsley) Hildebrand, the former being a native of England and the mother of Pennsylvania. George Hildebrand was a Revolutionary soldier and settled in Pittsburg in 1802 and in 1812 removed to Marietta where he remained until his death in 1826. His wife survived him until 1840. In early life our subject, Col. Hildebrand, evinced a strong liking for a military career, and would have entered the regular army but for his devotion to his widowed mother. He was a personal friend of Andrew Jackson, who commissioned him an officer of militia. He was for many years a brigadier general of militia and subsequently became a major general. Gen. Hildebrand always surrounded himself with a fine staff, completely uniformed and equipped, during his militia service. In the hour of our nation's peril he was not found wanting. In October, 1861, he began his efforts for raising a regiment for active service in the Union cause, and succeeded in organizing the Seventy-seventh regiment of which he was commissioned colonel. In January, 1862, he left Marietta in command of a full regiment and was soon found in the thickest of the fray at the front. His brigade met its first foe at Shiloh. Col. Hildebrand distinguished himself in that engagement for gallantry and persevering efforts in rallying his men in the face of disaster, and Gen. Sherman, who witnessed his conduct, said of him on that occasion: "He is the bravest man I ever

knew." After a severe march through Tennessee and northern Mississippi, he finally arrived with his command at Memphis in August, 1862, and was detached for duty at the military prison at Alton, Ill., where he remained until his death, April 18, 1863. He was buried at Marietta, his remains being followed to the grave by a military escort, the clergy of the city, a large representation of the Seventy-seventh regiment and a great concourse of citizens. When the news of Col. Hildebrand's death reached the great Sherman, that general sent the following letter of condolence to the dead soldier's friends: "Headquarters Fifteenth Army Corps, near Vicksburg, May 2, 1863. Mrs. Col. Hildebrand, Marietta, Ohio. Dear Madam:—You must feel that the kindly relations which existed between Col. Hildebrand and myself will warrant my tender of deep and heartfelt sympathy with the family he has left to mourn his absence. Col. Hildebrand served under my immediate command during the eventful campaign from the time we left Paducah until we reached the Mississippi at Memphis. That was one of the most successful epochs of the war, and you and your children will have cause to treasure the memory of the part your husband took in it. At Memphis the Seventy-seventh was detached from me, but it was understood that it was to return, and I have several letters from the colonel of his hope soon to take the field, but his Maker has called him away, and we are left to mourn his absence. I could recall many little scenes of our camp life to illustrate the honest, fearless character of Col. Hildebrand, the interest he took in his men, always with them doing his duty like a brave soldier as he was. Never complaining, never talking of turning back. He was not the man to dream of peace until it should be won fairly and honestly. But I will, if I live, at some future time, see his family and children and tell them of their father, and of things that will make them proud of his name and stimulate them to equal them in his pure and excellent character. Accept the assurance of my heartfelt sympathy in your deep affliction, and believe me, Your Friend, W. T. Sherman." Col. Hildebrand was widely known and respected. For a number of years he was a mail contractor and owned the stage line running between Marietta and Zanesville. In October, 1850, he was elected sheriff of Washington county and served for two years. In 1826, he married Mrs. Senith (Perkins) Fowler, daughter of Anthony and Anna (Oatley) Perkins, of Washington county, Ohio. Their children are: Mrs. Eliza Marks, Arius G., Elodiannus, William W., Francis I., Anna M. and Cynthia E. Bradford, the latter being the wife of Henry Bradford, who was past-assistant engineer in the United States navy, and served through the rebellion. He died in the service September 16, 1873, aged thirty-five years.

M. M. Hutchison, a member of the firm of S. Hutchison & Son, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1847, his parents being Samuel and Jane (Morton) Hutchison. The father was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, and is still living at the age of seventy-six. The mother was a native of Washington county, Penn. Samuel Hutchison has been a resident of the Upper Ohio valley all his life and is one of its notable citizens. He came to Grand View township in 1851 and settled in Matamoras, where he established his present business of general merchandising. He has been connected with the business of the valley for forty years. He has been principally in mercantile pursuits, but in 1857 established the tannery which he conducted until 1863, when he sold to Machetanz & Son. He used his best efforts to get the postoffice established in the town in 1851, and was appointed first postmaster. He served for six years as justice of the peace and held the office of mayor for two terms. In 1855 he was elected representative from Washington county to the Ohio legislature and served from 1856 to 1858. During the rebellion he was a very warm supporter of the Union cause and raised a company of militia, of which he became captain. Mr. Hutchison and his estimable wife are members of the Presbyterian church. They raised a family of ten children, seven of whom are living: Arthur W., Morton M., William, Lizzie, Ed. B., John and Mary. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of the county but was also graduated at Duff's Commercial college, in Pittsburg. Since he became of age he has been constantly engaged in mercantile business, having entered the firm with his father and brother in 1875. This firm is the oldest in the place and is one of the prominent mercantile houses in this part of the Ohio valley. The members of this firm are not only first class business men, full of energy and push, but they are also courteous to everybody, especially to strangers, and never fail to exhibit those hospitable qualities, which in the long run are sure to pay compound interest to those who exercise them. Mr. Hutchison was happily married November 27, 1889, to Miss Hattie Graham, of Washington county. Mrs. Hutchison and her husband are members of the Presbyterian church, in which the latter holds the position of elder. Politically the father and sons affiliate with the republican party, of which the former was one of the charter members. The Hutchisons are numbered among the old settlers of the valley and no family stands higher than they in the estimation of all good people. They command and deserve the respect and esteem of an extensive circle of acquaintances. Their business establishment is one of the prominent features of the county and they carry the heaviest stock of goods in that section.

John W. James was born in Noble county, August 19, 1845,

son of John D. and Rebecca (Johnston) James. The parents were early settlers in Noble county, locating near Macksburg. The father was a farmer, and served as justice of the peace for over thirty consecutive years. He died April 21, 1877, aged seventy, and his wife's death occurred in October, 1882, at the age of seventy-three. They had ten children, five now living. At the age of seventeen our subject enlisted, in 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer infantry. He served with his regiment in the Shenandoah valley, and participated in all the battles of that famous campaign. At the battle of Piedmont Mr. James was shot in the right shoulder, the wound being quite serious. He fell into the hands of the Confederate forces, together with 500 other wounded Federal soldiers. They were detained on the ground for two weeks, but fared quite well, a captured Union doctor being permitted to attend to their wants. At the end of two weeks they were marched off to Libby prison, eight days being consumed in the journey, during which many died on the road. The guards treated them cruelly during the passage, seeming to show little consideration for those who were unable to keep up with the march. When they arrived at that loathsome den, known as Libby prison, they were kept on the second floor, which was very much crowded. The well, the sick, the wounded, the dying and the dead, being frequently mingled together in this unwholesome dungeon. From Libby they were taken to Andersonville on cattle cars in June, 1864. When they arrived at this historic place of torture they were kept standing from 10 until 2 o'clock in the broiling sun, which resulted fatally to many who were too weak to endure the exposure. But it is needless to dwell in detail upon the horrors of Andersonville, which have long since passed into history, and have been elaborately described in hundreds of publications. Mr. James says that the third morning after his arrival, he counted 130 dead bodies as they were carried out for burial. When captured he weighed 180 pounds, but on leaving the prison, November 19, 1864, he was reduced to eighty pounds in weight. Mr. James says, that in connection with thirty others, he helped dig a tunnel through which they hoped to escape, but on the eve of their intended exit, a New York prisoner turned traitor and exposed the plot to the authorities. The prisoners had provided themselves with red pepper and other essentials to prevent being followed by blood hounds. These articles our subject procured from the guards in exchange for a watch chain. Mr. James says that the traitor was turned over to the enraged prisoners by the rebel quartermaster, and that they handled him very roughly, among other things branding him with the letter "T" on his forehead, which brand of infamy he carries with him to this day, if living. About 800 of these

starved wretches were finally selected for exchange, the rebels evidently thinking that none of them would survive. Among the number was the subject of this sketch, who was unable to walk, but crawled 300 yards to the train, so anxious was he to go. They were taken through Savannah to Annapolis, Md., by vessel. After being kept in a hospital until the first of January, Mr. James made his friends at home very happy, by arriving there much like one from the dead coming to life. Nobody knew him, and he actually had to tell his own parents who he was. He was, in fact, little more than a living skeleton, and the wonder is how he ever survived to tell the tale. After the war Mr. James engaged in farming and the oil business. December 30, 1869, he was married to Miss Caroline E., daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Hutchinson) Dilley. The marriage has resulted in the birth of seven children: The oldest deceased; Linnie D.; Joseph D.; Howard, who died in 1882, aged four; Willie O., Forest F., and Lulu, deceased. Joseph Dilley, father of Mrs. James, died June 25, 1885, aged sixty-seven, and his wife is still living at the age of seventy. They were both lifelong members of the Presbyterian church. They had twelve children, six of whom died quite young. The three brothers, James L., Richard H. and Joseph C., were all in the army as drummers. James lost his right leg as the result of a shot in the knee. All the three brothers are still living, as are also their sisters, Minerva, now Mrs. Israel Harris, and Amanda, who lives with her mother in Senecaville, Ohio.

Charles W. James, of the firm of James & Grimes, the leading boot and shoe merchants of Marietta, Ohio, was born at Beverly, Washington county, Ohio, November 1, 1855, and is a son of Hugh and Mary (Coffman) James. Both parents were natives of Virginia, and the latter for many years resided in Parkersburg, W. Va. The parents of our subject settled in Beverly, Washington county, Ohio, about 1854, the father being a moulder by trade, was foreman of a Beverly foundary until his death in 1856. He left a family of seven children: Marion (killed in action during the civil war), Mrs. Lizzie Brown, wife of Capt. Miles Brown of Gallipolis, Ohio, Mrs. Carrie Alcock, wife of Charles T. Alcock, of Marietta, Ohio, Andrew Clark, of Ironton, Ohio, Mrs. Sarah Swartz, wife of Henry Swartz of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Mary J. Eggleston, wife of H. D. Eggleston of ton of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Charles. The latter was given a good common school education and then apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, and remained on the bench and in the cutting room of Silas Slocomb & Co., for three years, after which he became a salesman for the same firm, having been in the employment of this firm and their successors for fifteen years. In 1888, he embarked in business for himself, with W. R. Grimes, the

firm name being James & Grimes. This firm is the successor to the pioneer shoe store of Marietta (the firm with which Mr. James had so long been connected), and occupies the largest establishment and carry the largest stock of any concern in the same trade in the city. Mr. James was married June 2, 1880, to Miss Emma A., daughter of John W. and Margaret (Preston) Tuttle, and three children have been born to them: Luella, Ada and Mary. Mr. James is a member of the K. of P., and is a republican. C. B. Tuttle, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. James, was a pioneer of Washington county, a noted abolitionist (one of the engineers of the Underground railroad), and a leading merchant of his time.

W. C. Kampmeier, a minister of the German Evangelical Protestant church, was born in St. Charles county, Mo., March 8, 1848, his parents being Ernest and Caroline (Koch) Kampmeier, both natives of Germany. They emigrated to this country on the same vessel in October, 1846, and were married soon after their arrival. The father spent some months at New Orleans and then went to St. Louis, Mo., where he drove teams for some five or six years. About 1854 they moved to DesMoines county, Iowa, where they bought a farm and went to work. He afterward became one of the most extensive agriculturists in Benton township, of that county. They sold their farm a few years ago, and are now living in Burlington, Iowa. They raised a family of ten children, our subject being the oldest of those living. He was educated at Cincinnati, Ohio, in the teachers' seminary of the Evangelical Synod of North America, where he attended about two years and a half and finished in the spring of 1870. He then went to teaching church schools which he followed for twelve years, giving entire satisfaction to all concerned. His last six years of teaching was in Evansville, Ind., at the Evangelical Zion's church school. He came to Lowell, September 9, 1882, being sent there as pastor on trial, and a year later he was installed as the regular minister of the German Evangelical Protestant St. John's church. He has continued there ever since and in addition has a congregation in Watertown township, where he preaches every two weeks. He has given entire satisfaction and is regarded as eminently qualified for his high calling. In 1872 he was married in Freeport, Ill., to Miss Emilie Kall, a native of Germany. Ten children have been sent to bless this union, only two of whom are now living: viz.: Victor, who is eight years of age, and Oscar, aged five. All the others died at early ages. Both parents have been consistent members of the church since early childhood. Our subject is not only a highly esteemed and worthy minister, but as a citizen is identified with every enterprise that promises good to the community.

The Hon. Samuel S. Knowles was born in Athens, Athens county, Ohio, August 25, 1826. Samuel and Clarissa (Curtis) Knowles were his parents. The father was a native of Connecticut of Scotch descent. His father was James Knowles, a soldier in the Revolution and a pioneer of Washington county, Ohio. His children were: Jesse, Reuben, James, Amos, Samuel, William and Esther (Mrs. Starr Curtis). Samuel settled in Athens county in 1808, at which time he located at Hockingsport, but in 1820 removed to Athens county, where he resided for many years. He was marshal of that village in 1825–26. In 1853 he went to Knoxville, Iowa, and died while living in the latter place in 1885. His wife was a daughter of Eleazer and Eunice (Starr) Curtis, natives of Warren, Litchfield county, Conn. They settled in Marietta in 1791, but after the close of the Indian war removed to Belpre township, where the former died in 1801, his surviving him until 1816. The Hon. Samuel S. Knowles received his schooling at Athens, and later learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed a few years. In 1846 he entered the Ohio university at Athens, and took a scientific course in that institution. He afterward read law with Hon. Lot L. Smith, now of Columbus, Ohio, and was admitted to practice in September, 1851, at Athens, Ohio, and in the same year was elected prosecuting attorney of Athens county, holding that important office for two terms. Until 1862 he practiced his profession at Athens, but in the latter year removed to Marietta. In 1866 he was elected state senator from the fourteenth district of Ohio, and served a term of two years. In 1864 the people of Marietta chose him for their mayor, and re-elected him in 1866. In 1875 he was elected judge of the court of common pleas of Washington, Athens, Meigs and Gallia counties, and served until 1883. From May 17, 1864, to October 14, 1864, he was captain of Company A, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio National Guard. June 21, 1852, Mr. Knowles was joined in marriage to Miss Henrietta, daughter of Charles and Sallie (Hoyt) Devol, and great-granddaughter of Capt. Jonathan Devol, of Revolutionary fame. By this union two children were born: Clara D. and Minnie D. P. (Mrs. Cyrus Pontius). Judge Knowles is a member of the F. & A. M., G. A. R., and is a loyal republican; a man of great ability and unswerving integrity.

The Rev. John B. Kuehn, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, of Marietta, Ohio, is a native of the city of Baltimore. He was educated at Loyalin college, in his native city, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1863. At that time he was appointed assistant rector of the church of the Holy Cross, at Baltimore, Md., and remained there until 1868. For nine years thereafter he was engaged in pastoral work in the diocese of Erie, Penn., and in 1878–79 was assistant rector of St. Joseph's

Cathedral, Columbus, Ohio. November 13, 1879, he took charge of St. Mary's church at Marietta. Under his pastorate many improvements have been made in the church property, and its lines have been generally broadened, until now it is one of the leading churches of that city. In 1881 he caused the magnificent steeple to be erected, and had placed in it a beautiful chime of bells, and in 1888 remodeled the church structure. This church was organized in 1849, and is a power in the community.

Peter Kunz, Jr., a leading dry goods merchant of Marietta, was born in Fearing township, Washington county, Ohio, September 2, 1853, his parents being Peter and Mary E. (Zumbro) Kunz, natives of Bavaria, Germany. His maternal grandfather, Franz Zumbro, was among the German pioneers of Fearing township. Peter Kunz, Sr., was a shoemaker by trade, and settled in Fearing township prior to 1850, where he worked at his trade and also in agriculture until 1859, when he removed to Marietta and embarked in the dry goods business, in which he continued until 1885. At this date he retired from active commercial life. His children are: Mrs. Carrie Wetz, Mrs. Charlotte Schafer, Peter, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Seipel, Frank, Mrs. Kate Stephenson and Mrs. Anna Pape. Peter Kunz, Jr., our subject, was reared and educated in Washington county. He began active life as a clerk in his father's store, and in 1880 embarked in the dry goods business. Since that time he has succeeded in building up a large trade. In 1880 he espoused Miss Ella L. Biszantz, daughter of Charles F. and Philopene (Zimmer) Biszantz, of Marietta. Three children have resulted from this happy union, viz.: Charles F., Blanche F. and Laura F. Mr. Kunz is a communicant of the German Evangelical church, and is a loyal supporter of the republican party.

One of Marietta's leading business men and most enterprising citizens is Mr. Joseph D. Lashley, of the firm of W. F. Robertson & Co., founders and machinists. Mr. Lashley was born in Alexander, Jefferson county, Ohio, May 14, 1834, the son of John and Susan (Davis) Lashley, natives of Maryland, but pioneers of Jefferson county, Ohio. His mother died when he was but six months old, and he was but two years of age when his father's demise occurred. The orphan boy was reared in his maternal grandfather's family. William Davis, a pioneer settler of Jefferson county, being his grandfather. Mr. Lashley was given but slight educational advantages. Six months' schooling was all that he could obtain, and he was obliged to study by himself. When thirteen he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, and served for four years, after which he worked as a journeyman from 1851 to 1859. At this time he located in Beverly, where he opened a shop, which he conducted until 1872, when he became interested with Mr. Robertson in the foundry business.

Mr. Lashley has been twice married, his first wife having been Mary A., daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Andrews) Fall, of Morgan county, Ohio. The children born to this union are named as follows: Mrs. Naomi Leggett, Mrs. Lillian Jackson, Julius, Walton, Burton, Mrs. Josie McCleary, Mamie and Jessie. For his second wife he married Mrs. Lucy Stewart, daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Bellows) Burroughs, of Washington county. Mr. Lashley is an active communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is also a member of the F. & A. M. and R. A. M. His political faith is founded on the tenets of the democratic party. Mr. Lashley is the grandson of John Lashley, who is known as a prominent pioneer settler of Allegheny county, Md.

Hon. William H. Leeper was born in Amesville township, Athens county, Ohio, March 9, 1850, his parents being Hezekiah and Catherine (Mowry) Leeper. The paternal grandparents were William and Rachel (Hill) Leeper, who, in 1818, came to Guernsey county, Ohio, from the vicinity of Pittsburg. They took up 160 acres of land there on Wills creek. In 1840 they moved to Hocking county, Ohio, thence to Grundy county, Mo., in 1858, and in 1861 returned to Ohio, and located in Morgan county, where he died in 1865. His children were Mrs. Christiana Bradford, Mrs. Margaret Braden, Mrs. Constance McCoy, Mrs. Rachel Dyson, Samuel, James, Hezekiah, Mrs. Ellen Suit, Mrs. Eliza Hughes and Mrs. Nancy Everett. The maternal grandfather was Henry Mowry, a pioneer of Amesville, Athens Co., Ohio, and a soldier in the war of 1812. Hezekiah Leeper was a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. Most of his life was spent in Morgan county, where he was engaged in farming and merchandising, and for many years was also an extensive dealer in leaf tobacco; later, he engaged in the live stock business and for a long time owned a store at Mountsville. For thirty-five years he communed with the Methodist Episcopal church, and throughout his life was a man of honesty and sterling worth. He was a member of the Bishopville lodge, F. & A. M. His demise occurred March 20, 1888, at Kirk's Hotel, in Zanesville, Ohio, by asphixiation. Six children were born to him, named: Mrs. Caroline Carter, William H., Dr. James F., Mrs. Rachel Fell, John R., and Mrs. Ellen Dew. William H. Leeper was educated in the common schools of Morgan county, and later at Bartlett academy and Zanesville Business college. In 1874 he was elected clerk of the courts of Morgan county, and served six years. During that period he read law with W. B. Crew, Esq., and was admitted to practice in 1881 by the supreme court of Ohio. He then located at Waterford, where he was engaged in the mercantile business until 1887. At the latter date he was elected probate judge of Washington county, and re-elected to same

office November, 1890. December 26, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J., daughter of Squire and Elizabeth Carpenter, of Athens county, and four children were born to them, viz.: Minnie C., Charles F., M. Blanch and William F. Judge Leeper is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also of the F. & A. M., R. A. M., Commandery Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, and I. O. O. F. and K. of P. He is a leading republican and a valued citizen.

Arthur B. Little, sheriff of Washington county, was born in Newport township, Washington county, Ohio, December 28th, 1838, the son of Charles and Mary A. (Frazier) Little. The father was the son of Nathaniel and Parmelia (Bradford) Little, natives of Massachusetts, the latter being descended from Gen. Bradford, who came to America on the "Mayflower" in 1620. He settled in Belpre, Washington county, Ohio, among the first. He removed to Newport, where he died in his forty-ninth year. His children were Mrs. Ira Hill, H. O., Nathaniel, George, Lewis and Charles. Charles was a farmer. He married Mary A. Frazier, of Charleston, S. C., by whom he had twelve children: Permelia, Jane, Otis, George, Charlotte, Wealtha, Mary A., Maria, Charles, Nathaniel, Arthur B., Columbia. Mr. Arthur B. Little was reared and educated in his native town. During the late war he enlisted (in 1862) in Company H, Seventh Ohio volunteer cavalry, and served for nearly three years, when he was honorably discharged. After the war he turned his attention to farming and gardening. In October, 1884, he was elected sheriff of Washington county and received his party's support for a re-nomination and election at the close of his first term. In November, 1866, he was happily married to Miss Lucretia, daughter of George and Lucretia (Dickerson) Davenport, of Newport, Ohio. Four children were born to this union, named: Fannie (Mrs. Dana Flagg), Belle G., Mary L. (deceased), and Harry B. Mr. Little is a member of the Baptist church, and also of the F. & A. M., American Union No. 1, of Marietta, and G. A. R., and is a staunch republican.

A. J. Longfellow was born in Washington county, December 19, 1857, his parents being A. and Elizabeth (Davidson) Longfellow. The mother came from England in 1831, at the age of seven; the father is a well known farmer of the county, and they had a family of thirteen children, nine of whom are still living. At the age of sixteen our subject began life for himself working by the day in the oil business. Nine years later he embarked in the same business on his own account, which he has since continued with fair success. He now owns a farm of 265 acres of good land on Duck creek, and is recognized as one of the enterprising men of his community. He has held the office of township trustee for two years, and is also cemetery

trustee. September 20, 1877, he married Miss Florence M., daughter of George Dyer, by whom he has had four children: Charles V., who died July 24, 1886, aged seven; James F., Harry L. and Herman D., the two latter being twins. Mr. Longfellow belongs to the Masonic order, and is an officer in the K. T. lodge. The father of Mrs. Longfellow was born in Morgan county, Ohio, August 26, 1834, his parents being Hezekiah and Mary (Nestlewood) Dyer. These parents were Universalists in belief, and had ten children, eight of whom are still living. George Dyer, who was the fourth born, began life at nineteen, packing tobacco, but afterward embarked in farming, which he has continued ever since. October, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-first Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he took part in the battles of Spring Hill and Nashville, under Gen. Thomas. Our subject took part in the Grand Review in Washington, which wound up the war so gloriously. Mr. Dyer was married June 30, 1847, to Miss Elois, daughter of W. M. and Mary Fowler, of Morgan county. Their children are as follows: Lillie, Noble (deceased), Florence, Irvin, Benjamin, Samuel, Francis, Milbry, Nina M., Leora (deceased), and Lemuel. Mr. Dyer and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is also connected with the Masonic order and the G. A. R. post of Dexter.

Marion A. Longley was born in Morgan county, Ohio, February 21, 1847, his parents being Samuel and Harriet (Hammond) Longley, both natives of Ohio. The father is a retired shoemaker, and is an honored resident of Washington county, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife is sixty-seven years old, and they have had nine children, five of whom yet survive: Sacrica, wife of W. H. Skipton; Frankin, wife of Alma Mason; Isaac H., Orange R. and our subject. The latter began life for himself when only sixteen years of age, by enlisting February 10, 1864, in Company H, Seventeenth Ohio volunteer infantry. He took part in the battles of Rocky Faced Ridge, Georgia, from the 5th to the 9th of May, 1864, on the Atlanta campaign; Resaca from the 13th to the 16th of May, 1864; Dallas, May 25, to June 4, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, June 9 to July 2; Chattahooche River, July 9; Peach Tree Creek, July 20; near Atlanta, August 7; Jonesborough, August 31; Waynesborough, Black River, Savannah and Bentonville. The latter was the last of twelve battles in which he was engaged, and still he was never wounded or taken prisoner. He accompanied Gen. Sherman's army throughout its famous march to the sea, and was at the grand review in Washington which was the proudest day in his life. He was discharged July 16, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. Mr. Longley is very proud of his war record and he has a just right to be so. At the close of the war he embarked in farming, later engineered for

five years at Grape Sugar works in Tippecanoe City. He came to Lowell in 1884 and has been engaged in farming ever since with fairly good success. His marriage took place February 19, 1871, to Miss Katie H., daughter of Alvarius Judd, of Washington county. The union has resulted in the birth of one child, named Judd. The latter is assisting his father and rendering good service on the farm. Mr. Longley is a member of the I. O. O. F., also of the K. of P., and is a very popular citizen generally.

Morris S. Luchs, a prominent wholesale liquor dealer, of Marietta, was born in Willmore, Cambria county, Penn., August 4, 1858, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Ullman) Luchs, natives of Augsburg, and Wurtemburg, Germany, respectively. The father came to this country in 1838, and settled in New York. He has resided much of his time in Philadelphia, and is now a citizen of Bellaire, Ohio, where he located in 1880. The son, Morris S., had an humble beginning as a newsboy in Philadelphia. He was given a fair common schooling in that city, and later engaged as a clerk in a wholesale and retail chothing house. In 1882 he took up his residence in Marietta, and at that time embarked in the wholesale liquor trade on a small scale. By energy and good business judgment Mr. Luchs has succeeded in building up one of the largest trades in his line in southeastern Ohio. He was happily united in marriage July 2, 1879, to Mary A. Fry, of Bellaire, Ohio, and four children are the result of their union. The names of the children are given below: Clarence, Irwin (deceased), Sidney and Herbert. Mr. Luchs is a member of the Jewish Temple of Philadelphia, also of the O. U. F., I. O. Red Men, I. O. O. F., and is a democrat. Mr. Luchs is extensively interested in real estate in Marietta, and is a prominent member of the board of trade of that thriving city.

Daniel G. Mathews was born in the city of Marietta, March 27, 1831, the son of James Backus and Mary A. (Greene) Mathews. John Mathews, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Worcester county, Mass., where he was born December 18, 1765. He was a soldier in the war for American independence, having served bravely in that perilous time, although but fifteen years of age at the time of his enlistment. He was one of the forty-eight settlers who located in Washington county in 1788, and was a civil engineer in the service of Gen. Rufus Putnam. In 1790, he located at Gallipolis, Ohio, and was superintendent of the Duer Colony, later he removed to Moxahala, near Zanesville, and there erected a distillery and grist-mill which he operated until his death August 21, 1828. These are his children: James B., Hamilton, David M., all were born in Muskingum county. James B. settled in Marietta about 1825,

and served as a clerk in Dudley Woodbridge's store for some time, after which he engaged in the general merchandise business at Harmar, and later kept a store in Parkersburg, Va., for about two years, when he removed to Quincy, Ill., and for many years was a merchant of that place. He next lived at Warsaw, Ill., where he owned a store and lumber yard. In 1856, he returned to Marietta and resided there at the time of his death in 1879. His wife was a daughter of Captain Daniel Greene, of Norwich, R. I. His wife was Mary Strout, a native of England. They settled in Marietta about 1808. His four brothers, two sisters and parents accompanied him to his new home. Captain Daniel Greene reared Daniel G. Mathews, grandson from infancy, the latter being the only child born to James Mathews. After reaching his majority, his previous life having been spent in acquiring an education in the Marietta academy, he secured a clerkship in a general store. In 1853, he embarked in the wholesale grocery and commission trade, and until 1857 remained in that and was a partner in the brokerage business with Benedict, Hall & Co., from the latter year to 1869, and in that year engaged in the wholesale and retail general mercantile business with Mr. Benedict. In 1861, Mr. Mathews was appointed agent and manager of the Adams express company at Marietta and continued with them for three years, after which he accepted the tellership of the Marietta National bank, and in 1875, was appointed assistant auditor of the C. & M. R. R. Co., retaining that office until 1879, when he was made station agent for the company at Newcomerstown. In 1883 he was transferred to another office, and continued to serve the railroad in different capacities until 1884. Since the latter year Mr. Mathews has been identified with the Ohio River railroad company as their soliciting agent at Marietta. May 15, 1855, he was fortunately united in marriage to Miss Evaline A., daughter of Charles Sullivan, of Marietta, and five children are the issue of this union: Margaret W., now Mrs. Dr. Arthur Bowen, Frederick S., who died in 1860; Richard G., Mary (Mrs. Charles F. Pratt) and William.

James McConnell, member of the firm of McConnell Bros., merchants in Macksburg, Ohio, was born in Parkersburg, W. Va., December 2, 1848. His parents were James and Susan (Knapp) McConnell, both natives of Ohio. The father formerly carried on business extensively in Parkersburg, later moving to Greenville, W. Va., where he was engaged in the tailoring business for some years until his enlistment in the army. In December, 1861, he joined Company H, Eleventh Virginia infantry, which was an independent regiment. He died in a hospital at Parkersburg, June 24, 1863, from sickness contracted in the service, aged fifty-two. His wife, who was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian

church, died January 1, 1865, at the age of fifty-two. They were the parents of five children, viz.: Caroline, who died November 23, 1885; Robert, who was supposed to be killed by the explosion of the gunboat "Thomas Foote," on the Red river in 1864; Andrew, James, Lizzie F., widow of John Morris, of Macksburg, and Kenner, one of the firm of McConnell Bros. James McConnell began life for himself when only fifteen years of age. He worked in the oil business as an employe for some years, and later embarked in the mercantile business at Macksburg. He came there in 1865 and opened up as a merchant in 1880. His business has thrived, and he is regarded as one of the leading merchants of his portion of the county. For the past four years he has held the position of treasurer of the corporation. From 1884 until 1886 he was postmaster of the town, and in his official positions he has given entire satisfaction to the patrons and friends. In 1885 Mr. McConnell was united in marriage to Miss Ella, daughter of James Blake, of Morgan county. Her death took place November 20, 1885, at the age of twenty-two. The second marriage of Mr. McConnell took place in December, 1888, to Mrs. Maggie Barr, daughter of Robert Wertman, of Pennsylvania. This union has resulted in the birth of one child, James Robert. Mrs. McConnell is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her husband is connected with the I. O. O. F. A. C. and K. S. McConnell, brothers of the above, are members respectively of the K. of P. and Masonic lodges.

J. M. McElHinney, M. D., was born in Londonderry, Ireland, April 16, 1824, his parents being Joseph and Mary (Miller) McElHinney. They came to America in 1831 and settled in Lawrence township, Washington county, Ohio, in 1832. Joseph died in 1840, aged sixty, and his wife in 1874, aged seventy-six. In religion they were Scotch Covenanters, and organized and conducted the first Sabbath school ever taught in the Little Muskingum valley. Joseph was the only son of John and Nancy (Hettrick) McElHinney. John came to America in 1832, when about eighty years of age, dying about a year later, his wife's death having occurred in Ireland. Joseph had a family of eight children, viz.: Matilda, wife of Joseph Chambers of Marietta; Joseph M., our subject; John A., Nancy J., wife of Rev. G. V. Fry, both of whom are deceased; Catherine A., David M., a banker in Hastings, Neb.; Alexander M., a merchant of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Catherine G., wife of Adelbert Squier of Chicago. Two children died in infancy. Our subject attended school in Ireland, afterward in Pittsburg, and later at Marietta. He began teaching at the age of eighteen, and followed the business until he was thirty years of age. Six years he put in at Newport, Ohio, and met with decided success in this profession. He was graduated at the Eclectic Medical college of Cincinnati, and has been prac-

ticing in Newport, Ohio, ever since. He ranks among the best of the profession in his part of the state. He kept a regular case-book during the first ten years of his practice which shows a mortality of but 1¼ per cent., and the doctor attributes this high degree of success to the hand of a kind and over-ruling providence whom he recognizes and acknowledges. In the war, he served as captain of Company "G," in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth regiment, Ohio National Guards. He served also as assistant surgeon of the same regiment. For a number of years he was a member of the board of education of Newport. In 1849, the doctor was married to Miss Arabella R., daughter of Maj. I. M. Hannold of Marietta. The result of this union has been three children: Dr. Joseph H., Adella A. and Dr. Frank B. The two sons practice medicine together at New London, Ohio, and rank high both professionally and as citizens. Joseph married Miss Libbie Greene, and their four children are May, Glenna, Bessie and Faith. The daughter, Adella A., is the wife James Johnston, who lives in Newport and is auditor of the Federal Valley Coal Co. Their children are Arabella A., J. Maurice, J. Thomas, Frank M. and Mary A. The mother is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan university. Frank married Miss Sophie F. Jones, and their three children are Anna M., Joseph E. R. and Carrie R. All the family, both parents and children, are members of the church. Fraternally, the head of the family is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the G. A. R., of the Sons of Temperance and of the Good Templars. In politics, the doctor is a prohibitionist and, so far as known, voted the first and only ticket of that kind that was cast in his county in 1869. He has kept a diary for the last fifty years without missing for a single day to make an entry. He has also kept a record of the weather for every day from September 8th, 1840, up to the present time. And, for the past thirty years, has employed his leisure time in collecting the genealogies of the leading families of the old settlers of the surrounding country.

Benjamin J. McKinney, editor and proprietor of the *Marietta Times*, the leading democratic paper of Washington county, Ohio, was born in Virginia in 1850. He is the son of William P. and Indiana (Jackson) McKinney, both natives of Virginia. Benjamin McKinney was reared in Virginia, living there until fifteen years of age, when he came to Washington county, Ohio, where he has ever since resided. He received his preliminary education in the common schools, and after taking a course in the Commercial college, at Pittsburg, he accepted a position as book-keeper in the Parkersburg National bank, holding the same between five and six years. In 1876 he was elected on the democratic ticket as auditor of Washington county by a majority of 208, and was re-elected by a majority of 265, which is very

complimentary to him, as the republican majority is about 200. In this position Mr. McKinney acquitted himself with credit and satisfaction to his constituents. On his retirement from that office he was appointed chief clerk in the auditor of state's office at Columbus, where he remained four years. August 1, 1890, he bought and took possession of the *Marietta Times*, and has conducted the same ever since. In 1871 Mr. McKinney married Florence, the daughter of A. H. and Augusta S. Browning, and they are the parents of nine children. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Samuel M. McMillen is one of the most enterprising and public spirited citizens of Marietta. He was born in Pennsylvania, in 1840. His father was a finely educated gentleman of Scotch-Irish parentage, and the son inherited much of his ability. In 1871 Mr. McMillen came to Marietta, and purchased the *Marietta Times*, the organ of the democratic party in Washington county. Until August, 1890, he owned and edited that journal. Under his able management the *Times* grew from insignificance to great influence. It was a powerful champion of the principles of the democratic party, and its editor's brilliant pen and ready speech were faithfully devoted to its advancement. Mr. McMillen was deputy internal revenue collector for the counties of Athens, Guernsey, Meigs, Morgan, Monroe, Noble and Washington, from September, 1885, to October, 1889. He discharged the arduous duties of that responsible office faithfully, fearlessly and impartially, and when he retired from office he held the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. For the past seven years he has been a member of the city council. He has been foremost in promoting every public enterprise promising increased prosperity to the community, and was a leader in the movement to organize the city water works, electric light company, extension of the city limits, the street railroad, and many other improvements of like importance. In 1888 he was chairman of the committee of one hundred, under whose auspices the great centennial celebration of the settlement of the territory northwest of the Ohio river, and the establishment of civil government, was held at Marietta. Its great success was largely due to his mangement. As a member of the board of trade of the city, he is active and influential. Such men bring greater prosperity to a city than any other agency.

One of the citizens of Marietta is David H. Merrill, who first saw the light in Avon, Conn., on the 25th of September, 1835, his parents being George and Emeline (North) Merrill. These parents removed from Connecticut to Watertown, Washington county, Ohio, in 1837, and the father was there engaged in his trade of blacksmith until his death in 1849. George Merrill was the father of three children: James W., Mercia (Mrs. C. D.

Ford), and David H. The subject of this biographical mention received his education in the schools of Watertown. In 1850 he located in Barlow and in company with his brother, James W., embarked in the general mercantile business, which they successfully continued until 1887, when they sold out to other parties. Mr. Merrill was elected auditor of Washington county in the fall of 1887, and was renominated for a second term in 1890, and re-elected by a large majority. He is a very popular and efficient official, and has always been identified with the best success of the people. He is a member of Bartlett lodge, F. & A. M., No. 392, and also of the K. of P. His political faith is founded upon the tenets of the republican party, and he has always been active in promoting the success of that party in the community in which he lives. Wherever his name is known it is honored and esteemed.

John Mills was born at Marietta, Ohio, December 2, 1795, the son of Capt. William and Mrs. Sarah (Boardman) Mills. His father was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and settled in Marietta in 1792. At that time he was a captain in the regular army and was made commandant of the town, the war with the Indians having begun in the previous year. John Mills was reared and educated in his native town, and at the age of eighteen became a clerk in the mercantile establishment of Dudley Woodbridge, one of the leading business men of the place. As soon as he had reached his majority he was taken into the firm and placed in charge of a new store. This estimate of his ability and integrity was fully justified by his whole subsequent career. He built up a large and profitable business which soon enabled him to buy out his senior partner, and become sole owner. For forty years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. Before he had reached his thirtieth year he was elected president of the Bank of Marietta, and was continued in that office until the charter of the bank expired, a period of nearly twenty years. During that time he was a director and a portion of the time was president of the Marietta branch of the State Bank, established in 1845, and continued until 1863, at which date the Marietta National bank was organized. He was a director of this bank during its existence, and later a director in the First National bank. When ship building was one of the industries of Marietta, Mr. Mills took an interest in that business and gave it his attention and aid. For many years he was president of the Marietta Gas company, and was a trustee of Marietta college from its establishment in 1835, until his death, and for fifteen years was the treasurer of that institution without compensation. His services to the college can hardly be estimated too highly. He gave money as well as time and thought, and in 1833 gave $1,000, and continued his gifts through life, just before his death bestowing

$10,000 upon it. He was a man of large heart and broad sympathies. Whatever tended to promote human happiness or advance public weal, found in him a strong advocate. For more than forty years he was a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Mills was twice married, first in 1824 to Miss Deburt Selden Wilson, a granddaughter of Dr. Joseph Spencer, who, though being a resident of the Virginia side of the Ohio river, was identified with Marietta, being one of the founders of the Congregational church, and from 1799 to 1825, one of its deacons. He was a son of Gen. Joseph Spencer, of Connecticut, one of the officers of the Revolution. Two children of this marriage reached maturity: Martha (Mrs. Rev. Geo. M. Maxwell, D. D.) and Sarah (Mrs. Col. I. C. Elston). In 1845 Col. Mills again married, Miss Dorothy Webster, of Newburyport, Mass., becoming his wife. Two children were born to them: John, who graduated from Marietta college in 1867, now president of the Marietta Chair company, and William W., who graduated from the same institution in 1871. The latter is the president of the First National Bank of Marietta. The closing years of Col. Mills's career were in harmony with his life, peaceful and happy to a remarkable degree. He died March 14, 1882. Perhaps no man has ever lived in Marietta whose death was more felt by the great mass of the community. The tender, gentle, loving heart was stilled forever, and the poor had lost a consoler, right a champion, and the business world a man of integrity and ability.

Hon. Thomas Watson Moore was born in Allegheny county, Penn., March 22, 1825, the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Watson) Moore. When seventeen he left his father's farm and went to Pittsburg, where he served a four years' apprenticeship to the engineer's trade in J. B. Warden & Co.'s machine shops. He then worked two years as a journeyman for that firm, after which he became the engineer of the steamer Northern Light, plying between New Orleans and St. Louis. He then served in a like position on the Pennsylvania, a fine passenger packet running between Pittsburg and Cincinnati. Having saved several hundred dollars, he turned his attention to farming in Warren township, Washington county, Ohio, in 1850. In 1854, at the time of the construction of the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad, Mr. Moore removed from his farm to a place situated on the line of that road and there built Tunnel station. He embarked in the general mercantile business and took a contract from the railroad company. He was engaged in operating his business and in filling railroad contracts until 1858, and during that time held a number of local offices, having served as justice of the peace for seven years in succession. In the last mentioned year he took a contract to build a tunnel near White Sulphur Springs, Va., on what is now the C. & O. railroad. At the breaking out

of the Rebellion the work was still unfinished, and he wisely foresaw the difficulties likely to be met by an uncompromising Unionist in that section, so he immediately sold his interest in the contract and returned to his home. About this time the Marietta & Cincinnati road decided to tunnel the hill near Tunnel station, and the contract was let to Hon. W. P. Cutler and our subject. The railroad company was compelled to discontinue work for want of funds, in July, 1861, and Mr. Moore at once raised a company of 100 volunteers in Warren and Barlow townships, and offered the services of himself and company to the United States government. The offer was accepted and Capt. Moore's company became a part of the famous Thirty-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry. He remained in command until the next February, when the railroad company having secured funds for the completion of the tunnel above mentioned demanded its completion, and accordingly Capt. Moore was obliged to resign his position in the army. The work was finished in 1863, and he then purchased the beautiful home on the banks of the Ohio, about three miles from Marietta, which he has since occupied. In the spring of 1864, Mr. Moore raised a company of national guards in Warren township, and held himself in command and readiness to enter the service when needed. During the same spring he took a contract to construct a portion of the Baltimore Short Line railroad, and had just commenced that work when his military company was ordered into active service. This company, with a number of others, rendezvoused at Marietta May 2, when Mr. Moore was at once elected colonel of the regiment, and placed in command. The regiment was ordered to Harper's Ferry, and from there to Point of Rocks via of Washington, thence to Bermuda Hundred, where the regiment performed garrison duty until mustered out of the service. Colonel Moore was made commandant of the post at Bermuda Hundred, and to this important office was afterward added the office of assistant inspector general. Returning home after the war he resumed his railroad work, and completed the road in 1865. He then went to Sedalia, Mo., and purchased a farm of 1,000 acres, on which he conducted a live-stock business. He was also interested in the organization of the First National bank of Sedalia at this time. In 1868 he abandoned the live-stock business and went to Saginaw, Mich., and for two years was engaged in the lumber trade there. In 1870 Col. Moore embarked in the mercantile business at Harmar, which, together with his agricultural interests, he has carried on since. In 1879 he was elected on the republican ticket to the state legislature by a handsome majority, and was again elected to that office in 1881, serving for four years with credit to himself and his constituents. He was one of the principal promoters of the Marietta Board of Trade, established

in 1888, and has ever taken an active interest in every public movement promising good to the people. Col. Moore has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Margaret McClelland, of Pittsburg, Penn., and his second wife Miss Mary Green, daughter of Caleb Green, Esq., of Washington county.

Eli C. Morris was born in Washington county, Penn., March 14, 1845. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Hartley) Morris, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of English descent. The father devoted his life to farming, and he and wife belong to the estimable society commonly known as Quakers. They departed this life after well spent lives, the father in 1872, at the age of seventy-seven, and the mother in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-one. Their family consisted of six children, of whom five are yet living. When seventeen years old our subject entered the shops at Brownsville, Penn., to learn the trade of a machinist. He followed this a year, when he enlisted in Company D, Sixth Pennsylvania cavalry. He was ill-fitted for army life on account of ill health, and suffered with sickness most of the time until his discharge in August, 1865, after a service of ten months. After the close of the war he went into the milling business in Michigan, where he remained for seven years, then went to Wirt county, W. Va., where he remained until 1889, and then removed to Monroe county. In 1890 he came to Lower Salem and rented the Banner mills for a term of five years. This mill has all the latest improvements and does a prosperous business, its capacity being fifty barrels per day. In October, 1866, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Elizabeth McDonald, by whom he had one child, Samuel, who married Miss Mary Rawson, and is milling in Monroe county, Ohio. Mrs. Morris, who was an excellent Christian woman, died October 29, 1878, aged thirty-three. In June, 1880, our subject was married to Miss Eliza J. Winland, by whom he has had four children: Don, James G. B., Anna and Birdie. Our subject belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the K. of H., and he deserves the title of a staunch friend and good citizen.

George Morris, formerly an esteemed citizen of Macksburg, now deceased, was born in England, August 9, 1796, his parents being George and Mary (Hayden) Morris of the same country. He crossed the ocean in 1826, and after arriving came directly to Aurelius township, Washington county, where at a later date he settled on a farm. That was his home until his death, which occurred July 11, 1871. His wife departed this life February 12, 1884, both she and her husband being seventy-five years of age at the time of their demise. They had six children, namely: Mary, widow of Abraham Johnson, who was killed in a cyclone in Missouri, June 13, 1881, his eldest son, Joseph, perishing with him at the same time; Hannah, who died in childood; Jane, wife

of Marion Beckett; James, a soldier in the civil war, who died July 21, 1864, aged twenty-one; John and Maria (twins). John married Elizabeth McConnell, by whom there were five children, and Maria is still a member of the home circle. Mrs. Morris when married was the widow of Shubal Hutchins, by whom she had three children, viz.: Sallie A., wife of John Black; Betsy, wife of Wilson Oshel, and Abigail, wife of H. Chapman. Mrs. Morris was a native of Maine, and came with her parents, Charles and Betsy (Brown) Davis, to Ohio at the age of seven years. Mr. Morris led a useful life and was recognized as a good farmer and first-class citizen.

Prof. Nathan Jackson Morrison, D. D., LL. D., the son of Nathan S. and Susannah (Chase) Morrison, was born in Franklin, N. H., November 25, 1828, near the birthplace of Daniel Webster. His parents were of the same class as those of the great statesman, his father being born October 8, 1789, the son of Bradbury and Anna (Sanborn) Morrison, and his mother the daughter of Jonathan and Lucy (Proscott) Chase. Nathan J. Morrison received his earlier education in the district school, going beyond the usual elementary studies, gaining some knowledge of algebra and geometry, thus fitting himself for college in the uncertain instruction furnished in the academies of Franklin, Laconia, Sanborton, and New Hampton, taking two terms of the thorough drill given by Dr. Richards, at Meriden. In 1849 he entered Dartmouth college, being known throughout his course as a high-minded Christian student, aided in part in bearing his expenses by his father, and trusting for the rest to his teaching winter schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He graduated seventh in a class of forty-nine in 1853. After teaching an academy with success for one term he went, in January, 1854, to study theology at Oberlin, being influenced in part by an offer of an opportunity to earn a portion of his expenses by teaching. He taught arithmetic or Latin as might be required so successfully that he was made classical tutor, and so continued with special acceptance for three years. In October, 1857, he was licensed to preach by the Central North Association of Congregational ministers in session at Wellington, Ohio. In November following he occupied the pulpit of the Central Congregational church, in the village of Rochester, and was ordained as pastor on November 11th, 1858. Here his work was agreeable to himself and very satisfactory to his people, additions to the church occurring every Sabbath save one during his pastorate. Meantime another course of events was in preparation for him. "Olivet Institute," begun in 1844, was preparing to become Olivet college and in the summer of 1859 the position as professor of the ancient languages was tendered Mr. Morrison. But the young pastor was reluctant to

change his work, and at the time did not accept. He, however, about the same time, was invited by the Congregational church of Iowa City, Iowa, to preach for them and did so, passing through Olivet on his journey, and pausing for observation. He received a unanimous call from the Iowa church, but returning to Rochester declined both that and the professorship at Olivet. But the college was persistent, and after reconsideration he accepted the professorship and was the favorite teacher of Greek and mental philosophy till 1863, when he was called to the presidency of the college, and was formally inaugurated a year later. During his presidency the college prospered, money was raised, buildings improved, a ladies' hall was completed, and a new brick dormitory for young men erected and substantially paid for. Classes increased in size and thoroughness of training till he resigned in 1872. His heart now again turned toward the pulpit, and but for the miscarriage of a letter he would have become pastor of a prominent church in California, but Providence had for him other places. In the autumn friends began to advise and urge that he should continue in the work of college founding. The efforts of Congregationalists in southwest Missouri to establish a Christian college there, attracted the attention of Dr. Morrison, and in November, 1872, he made thither a trip of observation. Education in most parts of Missouri was in a very backward state; aside from the public school at Carthage, there was hardly a school doing thorough work in the southern portion of the state. Dr. Morrison was quick to see and comprehend and to occupy the strategic point, and proposed to representative citizens of Springfield, Mo., if they would give the ground, erect on it a suitable building, and subscribe $50,000, he would bring $50,000 and take charge of the enterprise. It was also understood that friends and patrons of the American College society of Boston would add a $100,000. Dr. Morrison secured the pledge of $50,000 from the citizens in Springfield, and in March, 1873, he led the way in the organization of the college corporation. The college opened that year with thirty-nine scholars. Dr. Morrison remained president until January 1, 1888, developed the plan of its organization, supervised the erection of the buildings, attended to the purchase of lands, secured teachers and obtained the means for the college, amounting to $350,000 $400,000. The library numbered 20,000 volumes, the campus embraced forty acres. Sixty-five students had graduated, thirty of whom were in the Christian ministry or on their way to it. To all elements of progress, Dr. Morrison made important contributions. The wisdom of the location of his efforts is illustrated by the fact that seven so-called colleges were founded in thirteen years, within a radius of seventy-five miles of Drury. In 1868, while he was traveling in Europe, Dartmouth college

conferred on him the title Doctor of Divinity, and in 1884, the university of Missouri, the degree of LL. D. He has an extensive acquaintance with the educational, religious and scientific movements of the country and their chief promoters. In the midst of his large responsibilities he found time to make important contributions to newspapers, and a considerable number of his sermons have been published. In the year 1863, Miss Minnie Miranda, the daughter of Isaac M. and Sarah (Capen) Dimond became his wife and to this union three children were born: Sarah D., born October 12, 1865, died April 13, 1891; Theodore H., born October 15, 1869, and Douglass P., born September 29, 1872. Dr. and Mrs. Morrison are members of the Congregational church.

E. B. Morrison, M. D., was born in Athens, Ohio, August 19, 1858, a son of Alfred and Minerva (Benson) Morrison. The paternal grandfather was Joseph Morrison, who was a pioneer settler of Jefferson county, Ohio, where for years he was engaged in the flouring-mill business. Alfred Morrison was born in Jefferson county, but since 1845 has been a resident of Athens, Ohio, where he owns and operates a farm. Dr. E. B. Morrison passed his boyhood in Athens. He received his preliminary schooling in the schools of that city and then entered the Ohio university, where he remained during the Junior year. Having chosen medicine as his life work, he began its study in 1878, with Dr. J. A. Frame, of Athens, and was graduated from Starling Medical college, at Columbus, in 1881, and in 1886 received the post graduate diploma of the New York Polyclinic. He began the practice of his profession in 1881 at Barlow, Washington county, Ohio, and remained there for five years. In 1888 he located at Marietta, and at that time formed a partnership with Dr. O. M. Willis, the firm being Willis & Morrison. In 1887 Dr. Morrison was united in marriage to Miss Annie Draper, of New York city. Mrs. Morrison is the daughter of James A. and Annie (Adams) Draper. Dr. Morrrison is a member of the Ohio State Medical society, and also of the Washington County Medical society. His political faith is republican. As a physician he excels, and has won an extended reputation for skill in his profession.

Jacob Mueller, the popular editor of *The Zeitung* at Marietta, is a native of Germany, having been born at Haschbach, Rhenish, Bavaria, on the 29th of July, 1833. His parents were Nickolaus and Caroline Mueller. Jacob Mueller attended college in his native land and after having graduated, came to America in the year 1849. After a short stay in New York, he went to Albany, the same state, where he was engaged as a teacher in music. From there he went to Cincinnati, at first following the same profession and later acting as a book-keeper for a number of

years. His first wife dying in 1866, he removed to Marietta, Ohio, where he engaged in the mercantile business, continuing it for two years, after which he purchased the *Marietta Zeitung*, the only German newspaper in southeastern Ohio at that time. The paper had been started by E. Winchester, but five months previous to the purchase by Mr. Mueller, and the latter issued the first paper in his own name on March 1, 1869. In 1877, the firm name was changed to J. Mueller & Son, and under the able management of these gentlemen, has reached a circulation between twelve and thirteen hundred. The paper is democratic in politics.

Stephen Newton, the prominent real estate and insurance agent of Marietta, was born in Warren township, Washington county, Ohio, April 25, 1813. Oren and Almira (Fuller) Newton were his parents. The former was a son of Elias Newton, formerly of Connecticut. He settled in Warren township, in 1805, and was a silversmith by trade. Oren Newton was extensively interested in the grindstone business and owned a great deal of real estate. Elias Newton died in 1811, aged fifty years. His wife was Alice Simpson Newton who died at the age of ninety-four. There children were Cynthia, Elizabeth, Alice S., Elias, Oren and John. The maternal grandfather of Stephen Newton was Solomon Fuller, a native of Ashfield, Hampden county, Mass. He settled in Marietta in 1808, where he died one year later at the age of fifty-three years. His children were Moses, Stephen, Russell, Samuel, Sally, Lucy, Almira, Lucretia and Elizabeth. The latter was born in 1802, and is the only surviving member of the family. Oren Newton began business life on eight acres of land as a farmer. He increased this to 400 acres, which he sold. He then purchased a farm of 320 acres which he owned at the time of his death. He was the first man in the neighborhood to undertake the harvesting of his grain without supplying liquor to his laborers. For many years he served as justice of the peace. He was twice married. Almira Fuller was his first wife and bore him four children: Stephen, John, Oren, and a daughter who died in infancy. Elizabeth Fuller, a sister of his first wife, was married to him some time after the death of his first wife, and eight children blessed their union named: Elizabeth, William, Almira, Lucy, Emily, Mary F., Douglass E. and Alice U. Stephen Newton was reared in Warren township, and when seventeen years old took up his residence in Marietta and was engaged as a clerk in a general store until attaining his majority. In 1836 he entered the business for himself, and in 1843, was elected recorder of Washington county, holding that office until 1855. In 1857–8, he was treasurer of the county. He embarked in the insurance business in 1854, and has ever since continued in the same. In the year 1835 he married

Miss Harriet, daughter of Isaac Humphreys, of Warren township and Almira, Mary H. and Charles H. were the children born to them. After the death of Mrs. Newton, he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Walker of New Richmond, Ohio, in 1848. Mr. Newton is an active member of the Presbyterian church, and is held in the warmest esteem by the entire community, both as a citizen and business man.

Osmer M. Willis, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Washington county, was born in Noble county, Ohio, December 5, 1859. His parents were John M. and Rosa E. (Grimes) Willis. The father of the former was George Willis, a native of Connecticut, and a clergyman of the Protestant Methodist church. He was a pioneer of Rainbow, Washington county, Ohio, and in 1857, removed to Noble county, where he now resides. He was a son of James Willis, also a pioneer of Washington county, where he died in 1874. The wife of George Willis was Christiana Skipton, by whom he had eight children, of whom John Milton was the eldest son. He removed to Noble county in 1857, but in 1868 returned to Washington county. In 1882 he removed to Colorado, where he now resides. His wife was a daughter of Lemuel and Hannah (Lowe) Grimes of Marietta. Six children were the offspring of this marriage. The four living are: Osmer M., Arthur, Lemuel and Fred N. Osmer Willis went to live in Washington county at the age of ten years. He began the study of medicine with Dr. B. F. Hart, in 1879, and was graduated from the Columbus Medical college in 1882. He at once took up his abode in Marietta and has since built up a large and lucrative practice. June 25th, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet E., daughter of S. S. and Harriet (Smith) Stowe, of Lovell, Ohio, and two children have come to brighten their home: Earl, born August 6, 1885, and Florence, born February 3, 1888. Dr. Willis is a member of the Washington County Medical society, F. & A. M., R. A. M. and K. T. He brought to his life work a mind well cultivated and keenly alive to every improving circumstance. As a physician he excels. His reputation is widespread, and his skill undoubted.

Anselm Tupper Nye, son of Anselm Tupper and Rebecca Dodge (Cram) Nye, was born in the city of Marietta, Ohio, December 17, 1832. His paternal grandfather, Ichabod Nye, was a native of Tolland, Conn., and of English descent. He was the son of George and Thankful (Hinckley) Nye. When fifteen years of age he was apprenticed to the tanner's trade, and one year later entered the American army, and served with valor and faithfulness until the close of the Revolution. In 1785 he married Miss Minerva Tupper, daughter of Gen. Benjamin Tupper, and, purchasing shares in the Ohio company, he removed with his father-in-law to Marietta in 1788, being one of the pio-

neer settlers. He soon after erected a tannery, the first in the Northwest Territory, at what is now Seventh and Putnam streets, Marietta, and the leather which he made there won a widespread reputation for its excellence. In 1810 he engaged in the general mercantile trade, and was engaged in that business Marietta, with branches elsewhere, up to 1824. His children were: Horace, Mrs. Panthea Hayward, Arius, Anselm Tupper, Mrs. Sophia Byington, Mrs. Rowena Putnam, Hulda, Ichabod H. and Edward W. The father died November 27, 1840. Anselm Tupper Nye, his third son, was born in the block-house Campius Martius, Marietta, November 9, 1797. In 1812 he entered his father's store as a clerk, and later managed a store for him at Waterford, and in 1824 purchased the stock and engaged in business for himself. In 1828 he removed his business to Belpre, where, with others, he was engaged in the general mercantile trade until 1840. In 1830 he embarked in the foundry business at Marietta, which is still continued under the name of A. T. Nye & Son. From 1826 to 1838 he was assistant cashier of the Bank of Marietta, and from 1838 to 1842 was its cashier, and from 1842 to 1847 was clerk of the trustees of the institution. He was a member of the Marietta Ship company from 1844 to to 1848, and of the Marietta Bucket factory from 1847 to 1869, and in 1848 established the business now known as the Nye Hardware company. In 1818 and 1824 to 1827 he was captain in the militia, and for several years, beginning with 1824 was a justice of the peace of Waterford. In 1836 he was elected mayor of Marietta, and again in 1849 filled that office. From 1856 to 1862 he was a city councilman; from 1863 to 1868 was city clerk, and from 1827 to 1833 a county commissioner and also township trustee; was one of the original incorporators of the Marietta library, founded in 1829, and was one of its trustees from its establishment until his death. He was one of the founders of Marietta college, and a member of the board of trustees, and a trustee of the permanent charitable fund of that college, and for about thirty years was financier of this institution. He united with the First Congregational church of Marietta in 1833, and one year later was made a deacon, which office he held until 1878, when the church elected him deacon emeritus for life. He belonged to a generation whose aims were high, whose virtues were marked, and whose patriotism was unquestioned. He died October 5, 1881, in his eighty-fourth year. His children were: Mrs. Sarah Lovell, Rowena, Anselm Tupper, Charles, Mary C., James W., Mrs. Maria B. Buell, Benjamin T. and Rebecca D. The eldest son, a namesake, was reared in Marietta and educated in Marietta academy. Since his early manhood he has been identified with the foundry business carried on under the name of A. T. Nye & Son. October 9, 1856, he married Ellen E., daughter of

Major George and Eliza (Bayless) Lewis, of Missouri, and four children resulted from the union, George L., Harold B., Anselm T. and Ellen L. Major Lewis was a grand-nephew of Gen. George Washington. Mr. Nye was the first president of the "New Century Historical Society," serving in that capacity for two terms; was one of the commissioners and vice-president appointed by the state under a joint resolution of the legislature by Gov. Foraker to conduct the centenial celebration held at Marietta, July 15, 1888, and was also chairman of the citizens' finance committee for the same event. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National bank, of Marietta, in 1889, of which he is a director. Mr. Nye is a staunch republican.

Pemberton Palmer, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Salem township, was born in Washington county, December 24, 1827, his parents being Jewett and Rachel (Campbell) Palmer. The father was a native of Massachusetts, and a farmer by occupation. His birth took place in 1796. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died in 1872, aged seventy-six. His wife, who was a Pennsylvanian, departed this life in June, 1877, aged eighty-two. Their family consisted of eight children, six of whom are still living. When eighteen years old our subject began handling stock and farming, which business he has ever since continued and met with decided success. In his younger days he taught school during the winters for ten years. His farm is stocked with the best breeds of Devon cattle, fine and long wool sheep of different varieties, Chester White hogs, and nearly all the breeds of fancy fowls. He is recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive stock dealers in his section of the state. He has served as county commissioner, and is now on his fifth term as justice of the peace. He has been connected with the agricultural interests of the county all his life, and has served as president, vice president and director of the association. November 4, 1852, he wedded Miss Susan C. Hardy, who has borne his six children, viz.: Moses, John, of Linn county, Mo.; Zeentia, who died at four years of age; Julia, wife of William Woolfret; Clarence and Maud. Mrs. Palmer died July 19, 1887, aged fifty-four. She was a member of the Universalist church, and was universally esteemed as a good wife, a loving mother and an obliging neighbor. Our subject belongs to the I. O. O. F., and has filled all the chairs in the order. The lodge at Lower Salem is named in his honor, he having been one of its charter members. Pemberton Palmer has faithfully performed the duties of a first rate citizen in all the relations of life, and receives and deserves the esteem and good will of all who know him.

Robert E. Phillips was born near Pruntytown, Taylor county, W. Va., September 15, 1838. His father, John Phillips, was also a

Virginian, and a descendant of Col. John Phillips of Revolutionary fame. His mother, Lydia Dillon, was also born in Virginia. In 1847, the family moved from the latter state to Ohio, where the son, Robert, was given a common school education. From his seventeenth year to his twenty-first, he was engaged in the mercantile business. He then worked for the Marietta & Cincinnati railroad company, for two years, and at the end of that time, in 1861, he again gave his attention to mercantile pursuits at Zaleski, Ohio. Upon the breaking out of the rebellion, he assisted in recruiting Company E, Fifty-third regiment, Ohio Volunteer infantry, and on the 13th of October, 1861, was mustered into the service as second lieutenant of that company. On the 16th of the following February, his regiment was assigned to a place in the Third brigade of Sherman's division at Paducah, Ky. During the battle of Pittsburg Landing, he commanded portions of two companies, and received honorable mention for his gallantry and bravery. Soon after this he was detailed for duty in the signal service, and ordered to report to the chief signal officer at Paducah. After three months spent in learning the code he was assigned to the duty as signal officer on Gen. Mitchell's staff, and accompanied that officer on his expedition from Columbus, Ky., to Humboldt, Tenn. While on a leave of absence north, the war department dissolved the signal corps to which he belonged, and he rejoined his regiment at Fort Pickering, Memphis. While at the latter place, August 19, 1862, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and assigned to duty in the Irving block, a military prison in Memphis, where he remained until the 26th of November, when his regiment joined the expedition against the enemy under Van Dorn. At this time he was appointed aide de camp to Col. J. R. Cockerill, commanding brigade, and on one occasion, when within a few miles of the Hatchie river, Mississippi, was ordered to reconnoiter in the direction of the river, where the enemy was known to be encamped. In obeying his orders he came in contact with a squad of rebel cavalry. He gave a chase and captured a prisoner, whose arms were presented to Lieut. Phillips, with the thanks of Gen. Denver, commanding division, as a reward for gallantry. After the sacking of Holly Springs by Confederates, the army retreated to La Grange, Tenn., which was reached early in January, 1863. Here Lieut. Phillips was appointed quartermaster of the brigade, and continued in that office until June 24, 1863, when he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the First West Tennessee colored infantry. From that time until his honorable discharge, December 8, 1863, his career was identified with the regiment. On his return to Ohio, he embarked in business. Col. Phillips was largely instrumental in building the T. & O. C. railroad, of which he was vice-president and general manager for three years. He is at present

engaged in the manufacture of coke and is general manager of the Federal Valley Coal company. Since 1884, he has made his home in Marietta. Miss Mary R., daughter of Jonas G. and Margaret C. Glidden, of Marietta, became his wife February 19, 1861, and two daughters have been born to them, Maggie L. and Jessie R., now Mrs. Frank G. Best. The eldest, Mrs. Maggie Phillips Cook, died six months after her marriage. Her death was caused by the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain, followed by paralysis and paroxysms. This was produced by the fright sustained by what she supposed to be a burglar attempting an entrance to the kitchen. Col. Phillips is a communicant of the Episcopal church and also a member of the F. &. A. M., R. A. M., Scottish Rite, I. O. O. F., G. A. R. and Loyal Legion. Mrs. Phillips is a granddaughter of Daniel and Mary Protsman. They settled in Marietta in 1817. Squire Protsman, as he was familiarly known, filled several offices acceptably and well. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in the early part of the late rebellion was a member of the Silver Grays, formed for the protection of Marietta. He died full of honor and years, in September, 1861, aged seventy-five.

George A. Phillips, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Lowell, claims nativity in Belmont county, Ohio, where he was born in 1860, the son of Lureston W. and Isabella (Adair) Phillips. The father is a farmer well and favorably known throughout Belmont county as a reliable and esteemed citizen. He and wife belong to the Christian church and have a family of four children: Allie, widow of Dr. C. W. Webb (deceased) of Salem; George A., Edwin E. and Mabel. After receiving his education in the common schools, our subject taught school from 1876 until 1887. He studied medicine under Dr. T. S. Rosengrant of Batesville, and read much in the line of his intended profession during the time he was teaching. He attended the Columbus Medical college and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1890. He took the $40 prize in that institution after a competitive examination on all branches. That the doctor was a well educated young man, is indicated by the fact that he always commanded a three years' teachers' certificate after each examination while he was teaching. He began the practice of medicine at Lowell in March, 1890, since which time his success has been such as to indicate the promise of an unusually brilliant career. July 31, 1890, he was happily wedded to Miss Lizzie J., daughter of Jackson and Martha (Thomas) Shanton. The father was a farmer of Ross county, Ohio, and the mother is still living as a resident of Columbus, Ohio. There were four children in this family: Seymour, Minnie, wife of McClellan Senff; Mrs. Dr. Phillips and Flora. The doctor is a member of the Christian church in Barnsville, Ohio, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F.

J. C. Preston, a prominent attorney at Beverly, Ohio, was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1831, and is the oldest notary public, having served as such since 1858. His parents were Frederick and Joanna (Chapin) Preston, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a carpenter and farmer, his family settling in Washington county, on a farm near Beverly, in 1819. Later he moved to Morgan county, where he died in 1872. His wife died in 1853, in the same county, aged about sixty-six, and both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had a family of nine children. David Preston, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Connecticut, a son of one of four brothers who came from England in an early day. He married Artemesa Marshall, who was a girl seventeen years old when the famous Wyoming massacre took place. She fled with her parents from their home on that eventful occasion after burying their table ware. Some of this ware, thus saved, is still in possession of the descendants. Our subject attended the common schools of Ohio and afterward graduated at Columbus, Ohio, in 1849. When only thirteen years of age he began working for himself, later learning the blacksmith trade. In 1857 he began studying law under S. B. Robinson, prosecuting attorney of the county. When ready for admission to the bar, the war broke out and he offered his services to the country, but was rejected on account of a crippled foot. On May 15, 1861, he was appointed postmaster at Beverly, which office he held until June, 1877, and at the same time he acted as telegraph operator for five years during and after the war. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar and has practiced his profession with success ever since. He is at present mayor of the village, to which position he has been elected many times. In 1855 Mr. Preston was married to Miss Hannah Anderson, and three children were born of this union, to-wit: Burton, who is engaged in banking at Fort Morgan, Colo.; James A., who is engaged in the real estate and farm loan business at Broken Bow, Neb., and Kate, who lives with her brother James, and is the proprietor, with a partner, of the only complete set of abstract books of Custer county, Neb. The mother died in 1873, at the age of thirty-seven, and in 1876 our subject married Miss Kate Shoop, of Athens county. Their children are: Bessie L., Fred. W., Mabel C. and John C., Jr. Our subject has been a member of the Masonic order for many years, having filled all the offices in the Blue lodge and chapter, of which he is now the present high priest. He has been a subscriber of the *Daily Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* without a break since 1861.

Douglas Putnam was born in Harmar, Washington county, Ohio, April 7, 1806, and is a son of David and Betsy (Perkins) Putnam. The parents were natives respectively of Pomfret and

Plainfield, Conn., who settled in Marietta in 1798, having made the journey from Connecticut on horseback. His paternal grandfather was Col. Israel Putnam, and aid to his father, Gen. Israel Putnam in the war of the Revolution, and settled in Belpre, Washington county, Ohio, in 1792, where he owned a large tract of land and engaged in farming. He resided there until his death, which took place about 1812. His sons were Israel, Waldo, David, George and Dr. William Pitt. The great-grandfather of our subject, Gen. Israel Putnam, was the son of Joseph Putnam, whose grandfather settled in Salem, Mass., in 1634. David Putnam, the father of our subject, was born in Pomfret, Conn., February 24, 1769, was graduated from Yale college in 1793, and afterward studied law with Hon. Calvin Goddard, of Plainfield, Conn. In 1798 he married Betsey Perkins, daughter of Dr. Elisha Perkins, of Plainfield, and came to Marietta, Ohio, where he became a teacher in the Muskingum academy. He was the postmaster of Marietta from 1800 to 1802, and in 1805 he built a stone residence on Front street in Harmar, which he occupied until his death in 1856. He was made cashier of the bank of Marietta at its organization, and continued in that capacity until 1815. He practiced law nearly thirty years, when he retired from the same to take an extensive agency which had devolved on him in connection with lands in the Ohio company's purchase. He continued this until 1845, at which time he placed the business in the hands of Douglas Putnam, our subject. He was the father of twelve children of whom seven grew to maturity: Benjamin, Charles, Peter, Douglas, David, George and Elizabeth (Mrs. Darwin E. Gardner). Our subject was reared in Marietta, entering Yale college in 1822, where he remained until 1825. He then returned to his home and remained the assistant of his father for twenty years, when the latter transferred the whole concern to his son and he conducted the business for forty-five years, closing up his agency affairs in 1890. In 1850 he erected suitable buildings in Harmar for the manufacture of wooden ware which remained in operation for thirty-five years. His knowledge of lands in southeastern Ohio led to his being chosen as a member of the first state board of equalization ever constituted in Ohio, and he served by appointment of Gov. Hayes as a member of the board of 1870. In 1876 he was appointed by Gov. Hayes a member of the first board of charities and served two terms. In early life he was one of the commissioners of Washington county for fifteen successive terms. He was one of the founders of Marietta college, of which he has been the largest donor, and has aided the advancement of the same in many ways, being trustee and secretary of the college since its existence. Mr. Putnam has been an active member of the Congregational church since 1827. He has been married three times; first on February 16, 1831, he

married Miss Mary A., daughter of Dr. Samuel P. and Rhoda (Cook) Hildreth, by whom he had three sons who grew to maturity: Benjamin P, (died); Samuel P. and Douglas, Jr. His second wife, whom he married May 16, 1844, was Mrs. Eliza Tucker, daughter of Levi and Eliza (Warner) Whipple, of Zanesville, Ohio, by whom he had two children: Mary (Mrs. Dr. F. H. Bosworth), and Eliza (Mrs. C. S. McCandish). His present wife was Mrs. Sarah C. Dimond, of New York, to whom he was married in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam are highly respected by the community in which they live and enjoy a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Joseph L. Reckard, a leading liveryman of Marietta, was born in that city February 3, 1839. Mr. Reckard is a son of Joseph L. and Delilah (Jennings) Reckard, who were early settlers of Marietta. The father was a native of Connecticut, and was born March 16, 1795. His demise occurred June 9, 1870. He married May 2, 1816, Delilah Jennings, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Stevenson) Jennings, and granddaughter of Zebulon Jennings, who was the son of Zebulon. Joseph L. Reckard was a blacksmith by trade, and he was engaged in that vocation for many years. After coming to Marietta he was principally engaged in the manufacture of axes. He was the pioneer liveryman of Marietta, and was engaged in that business at the time of his death. Nine of the eleven children born to him reached maturity, these were: Alvin, Mrs. Lucy Richards, Mrs. Mary A. Perry, Mrs. Eliza A. Weston, Abner, Mrs. Margaret Fawcett, Mrs. Nancy Gaitre, Mrs. Harriet Ambling and Joseph L., Jr. The latter was reared in his native city. For thirty years he has been engaged in the livery business at Marietta, ten years of which time he was associated with his father. He was happily married to Miss Mary E. Morse, daughter of Justus and Sarah (Morrison) Morse. Two children, Maggie and Harry L., are the fruit of this marriage. Mr. Reckard has been a member of the board of health of Marietta for nine years, and is also a member of the board of education. He is an ardent and faithful republican, and is held in the highest esteem by the entire community. As a business man he has much ability.

George W. Reed, M. D., was born in Morgan county, Ohio, and came to Washington county when four years of age. His birth took place in 1846, his parents being D. M. and Lucinda (Buchanan) Reed. The father was a native of Ireland, and came to the United States when six years old, and married a native of Ohio. His father first settled in Pennsylvania, his mother dying on shipboard while crossing the sea, was buried at St. Johns, N. B. Afterward the husband pursued his sorrowful way to Ohio, of which state he became an early settler. His son, who was the father of our subject, died in 1888, in Marietta.

In his later days he was a merchant, having previously followed the occupation of school teaching to some extent. Our subject's mother died when he was only ten years of age. The parents raised a family of four children, of whom three still survive. Our subject was the eldest born, was reared to manhood in this county and educated in its common schools. In 1863 he enlisted in Company D, Fourth Virginia Federal cavalry. He served his time in that regiment, and subsequently joined the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio infantry. Being mustered out in September, 1864, he returned to Washington county, and began the study of medicine under Dr. Buchanan, of Lowell. He attended Miami Medical college in 1865-66, and then engaged in the drug business until 1872, when he finished his studies and was graduated in 1873. Since that time he has been in the active practice of his profession in Washington county, and in 1880 he came to Belpre. He was first married in 1867, to Miss Mary C. Davis, who died in 1875, leaving two children: Carrie M. and George A. His second marriage took place in 1876, to Miss Josephine Chandler. The doctor is a member of the Washington County Medical society, also of the International Medical society. He is also a member of the Masonic order and of the I. O. O. F. In addition to these he holds membership in the G. A. R. post at Belpre, and Blennerhasset K. of P. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their social standing is among the best.

Alfred J. Richards, a leading and enterprising druggist of Marietta, was born in that city in 1850, the son of Thomas and Maria (Carter) Richards. His paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Thompson) Richards, natives of Bristol, England. They settled in Washington county, Ohio, in 1832, where the grandfather first engaged in farming near Macksburg, but later turned his attention to mercantile pursuits. He was for many years a prominent merchant of Marietta, and died in that city in 1885. His children were: Thomas, Louisa, John, Mrs. Margaret Harwood, Mrs. Matilda Brenan, Edward, George, Mrs. Eliza Brenan, Henton and Mrs. Lizzie Hegman. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Carter, of Liverpool, England. He emigrated to America and became a pioneer druggist of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died about the year 1840. Thomas Richards, father of Alfred J., was a plasterer by trade, but the greater part of his life he was engaged as contractor and builder. During the civil war he was a member of Company B, Thirty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was killed in the battle before Atlanta, in July, 1864. He had four children, named as follows: Alfred J., Ellen, Margaret and Edward. Mr. Alfred J. Richards was reared and educated in Marietta. After leaving school he learned the drug business and embarked in

that trade in 1875. He has built up a large and constantly increasing business, and has a widespead reputation for reliability and integrity. In 1875 he was happily married to Miss Sallie Eggleston, daughter of William H. and Anna (Dick) Eggleston, of Marietta, but formerly of Philadelphia, Penn. This union has been blessed by the birth of one daughter, named Anna. Mr. Richards is a member of the board of education of Marietta, of which he has been a member for six years. He is a K. of P., and a faithful republican.

The Honorable Charles Richardson was born in Woodsfield, Monroe county, Ohio, March 28th, 1857. He is a son of the Honorable William P. and Sarah E. (Smith) Richardson, natives of Washington county, Penn., and Brooke county, West Va., respectively. Prior to 1850 they settled in Monroe county. The father was a lawyer and rose to great eminence in his profession. He was prosecuting attorney of Monroe county for some time, and took an active and distinguished part in the late civil war, having been in the service for fifty-three months. He was colonel of the Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer infantry, and in 1865 was discharged with the rank of brigadier general, by brevet. While in the army he was elected attorney general of Ohio, but refused to resign to accept the position. He settled in Marietta in 1867. He was collector of internal revenue under Presidents Johnson and Grant's administrations. After filling the latter position with great ability and satisfaction to all he again resumed his practice and continued in it until his death in 1887. His family consisted of six children, viz.: Emma (Mrs. Henry Posey), Mrs. Metta Walker, Mrs. Delia Gore, Charles, Ada and Robert. Charles Richardson was graduated from Marietta college. He then began the study of law with his father and was admitted to the bar in April, 1879. From 1883 to 1886 he was solicitor of Marietta, and was elected mayor in 1890. In June, 1881, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Holst, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Klintworth) Holst, of Marietta, and two children have blessed their union, Laura and Catherine. Mr. Richardson is a member of the Presbyterian church and also of the K. of P., and is a loyal democrat.

C. T. Riley, M. D., homeopathic physician and surgeon in New Matamoras, Ohio, was born in Washington county, March 21, 1848, his parents being John D. and Elizabeth Riley. The father, a native of West Virginia, has been a minister in the Baptist church for more than fifty years. On August 7, 1884, he celebrated his golden wedding with his second wife, and he is now eighty-one years of age, his wife having reached her seventy-sixth year. They have had twelve children, of whom seven are living. Our subject was educated in Marietta, Ohio, and studied

medicine with Dr. Walters of that place. He graduated at Pulte Medical college, Cincinnati, in the class of '81, and was the first to begin practicing homeopathy in this part of the county. He has met with success and his practice has steadily increased. He has sent three pupils to Pulte college, and now has two under his tutelage. The doctor ranks high both professionally and as a citizen, being well to the front in all public enterprises. He has built more houses in the town than any other resident. He taught the high school of the place for five years, in which responsible position he gave entire satisfaction. The doctor is president of the board of education, and takes great interest in all that relates to the education of the rising generation. October 12, 1871, he was wedded to Miss Maria, daughter of Charles and Eunice Dana, of Newport, Ohio. Mrs. Riley was educated at Granville, and is a lady of unusual accomplishments, having a poetic cast of mind and the culture which indicates an intimate acquaintance with the best literature. The Dana family were among the earlier settlers, and have long been established residents of the Ohio valley. Our subject and his wife have a family of five children: Thomas C., Elizabeth E., Alice Carey, John C. and Watson D. George W., the eldest born, met with an untimely death from drowning while bathing, on July 11, 1884, being at the time eleven years of age. The parents and oldest son are members of the Baptist church, of which the doctor is a deacon. It may be added in conclusion, as an interesting family record, that Rev. J. D. Riley, our subject's father, baptized all his brothers, his father and all his own children. He also performed the marriage ceremony for all of his children except two, being seven in number.

William F. Robertson, a member of the firm of W. F. Robertson & Co., general founders and steamboat machinists, was born in Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, February 26, 1823, the son of Andrew and Mary J. (Finley) Robertson, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., and pioneer settlers of Steubenville, Ohio, and the later of Island, Island Creek, Ohio. In 1834 they removed to Washington county, Penn. The son William was reared in Ohio and Pennsylvania. For two years learned tanning business in Claysville, Penn., and for three years after reaching his majority he was engaged in the tanning business in Washington, Penn. In 1850, he located at Woodsfield, Monroe county, Ohio., and operated a tannery there for four years. He then removed to Beverly, Washington county, Ohio, and conducted a tannery there for two years, after which he purchased a half interest in a foundry, then run under the name of Patterson & Robertson. After the expiration of four years Mr. Robertson retired. His next business venture was made at Coal Run in the coal trade, and he with others operated two mines for

two years. In 1864, he with other parties engaged in the foundry business, in which he continued for five years. In 1869, he and partners built a new foundry in Beverly and remained in that until 1884, when they were burned out. In 1881, the company purchased the present plant, removing the plow and machinery department to Marietta. Until 1884, this branch was conducted in connection with the Beverly concern, but at that time the entire concern was removed to Marietta. Mr. Robertson was married in 1848, to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Buchanan) Henderson, of Claysville, Penn., and three children have blessed their union, named: Mary Jane, George B. and Emma, now Mrs. Charles R. Buchanan Emma, the only surviving one. Mr. Robertson is one of Marietta's most substantial and honored business men. He is an earnest communicant of the Presbyterian church, and in politics is a loyal and uncompromising democrat.

Hon. Henry Roeser, general insurance agent, was born at Marietta, Ohio, May 14, 1860, his parents being William, Sr., and Fredericka (Meister) Roeser. The father came to America in 1846, from Germany, and in 1855 located at Marietta, where for nearly twenty years he was a prominent and successful boot and shoe merchant. He was the father of nine children, seven of them grew to maturity, viz.: William, Jr., Fred, Lizzie, Annie, Charles, Henry and Frank. Henry Roeser was reared in Marietta and educated in the public schools of that place. When fifteen years of age he became clerk in his father's store and remained with him until 1879, when he entered Hon. Henry Bohl's insurance office, where he was engaged as a clerk until November 4, 1882. In the latter year he located at Lancaster, Ohio, where he opened an insurance office. In the course of six months he returned to Marietta and again entered Mr. Bohl's employ, with whom he remained until January 1, 1884, at which time Mr. Roeser purchased a half interest in the business, and this partnership was continued until January 1, 1885, when the firm became Roeser & Sturgiss, and the business has since been successfully conducted by this firm. In 1887, Mr. Roeser was nominated by the democratic party for the legislature and was defeated by thirty-six votes, although he ran 250 votes ahead of his ticket. In 1889, he was re-nominated by acclamation and was elected by 101 majority, defeating both republican candidates, ran 327 votes ahead of his ticket and was the only democrat elected. Mr. Roeser was chairman of the committee on insurance of the sixty-ninth general assembly. April 16, 1888, Miss Emma A. Davis, daughter of Paul A. Davis, of Marietta, became his wife and bore him one daughter, Elsie. He is a communicant of the Lutheran church, and is also a member of the K. of P., and F. & A. M., American Union No. 1, the oldest lodges in the United

States. Mr. Roeser is a man of much ability, and if life and health be spared him will doubtless have a long and brilliant business career.

J. J. Scarberry is a native of Lawrence county, Ohio, and was born February 25, 1844, his parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Sowards) Scarberry, of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died November 17, 1890, aged seventy-two, and his wife survives him at the age of seventy-one. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom seven are still living. Three of the brothers, Zachariah, Joseph and our subject, were in the army, and all members of Company K, Second Ohio volunteer cavalry. Zachariah and John enlisted in November, 1862, and took part in the Knoxville, Tenn., campaign, under Gen. Burnsides, after which they were transferred to the army of the Potomac, and became participants in the wilderness campaign. About June 9, 1864, the command was placed under Phil. Sheridan, and served conspicuously with that great cavalry leader. While operating against Lee's army, they captured a train loaded with drugs, bandages and other medical supplies, on its way to Lee's army, and also liberated 400 prisoners of war. These occurrences took place within a few miles of Richmond, and in the same vicinity the command subsequently fought a severe battle, which lasted from eight o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon, and was a great victory for the Union troops. The regiment continued with Gen. Sheridan in all of his severe fighting and brilliant campaign that preceded the close of the war, and was present at the surrender of Lee. Zachariah separated from his brother, being transferred to Wilson's division on the Weldon railroad. At Scary Creek he was so badly wounded that he died from the effects thereof three days later, and was buried at Sandy Hook, Md. At one time during the war John was taken prisoner at Richmond, Ky., by John Morgan's forces, but was paroled by Gen. Basil Duke, after which he returned to his regiment and fought harder than ever. Being honorably discharged from the army, he went to work in the oil business at Burning Springs, W. Va., in which he continued ten years. He came to the Duck Creek valley in 1876, where he has been engaged in the oil business ever since with fair success. He is a member of the council and school board of the village of Macksburg. Our subject was married January 21, 1867, and his children are: Flora, Joseph, John M., Clara, Edgar (deceased), Nellie, George (deceased) and Bertha. Mr. Scarberry and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to the Masonic order, the K. of P., and the Grangers.

D. W. Schofield, one of the prominent business men of Lower Salem, was born in Washington county, Ohio, May 27,

1832, his parents being Henry and Mary (Ward) Schofield. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and the mother, of Ohio. He came to Ohio with his parents in 1826, settled in Salem township and started a woolen factory on Paw-Paw creek. He has been a resident of the township ever since and has followed the carding of wool business all his life, having reached the ripe age of eighty-four. For over twenty-five years he was justice of the peace of his township and took an active interest in everything calculated to benefit the community. He was one of the old time abolitionists, being a charter member of that organization of martyrs. His father, William, came from England in 1803, settling in Pennsylvania, and in 1826 came to Ohio. He died in 1857, aged about seventy-eight, and his wife, Jane Brown, died in 1865, at about the same age. They had eight children, Henry being the oldest, and he, George and Jane, are the only ones now living. George and Jane live in West Virginia, the latter being the wife of J. H. Jamison. Henry, the father of our subject, had nine children, six of whom are still living. Our subject started life for himself at the age of fifteen, when he commenced to learn the business of engineering. He followed the rivers, the Ohio and Mississippi and their tributaries, for thirty years. During the war he was in the government's service, having charge of transports for the carrying of troops and supplies. He retired from the river business in 1874, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He has been quite successful in this business and enjoys high standing as a merchant. His marriage took place in 1856 to Miss Druzilla T., daughter of James and Druzilla (Sharp) Marshall, of West Virginia. The names of the children are: Lily May, wife of G. W. Stanley, treasurer of Washington county, residing in Marietta; Emma G. (deceased), and Molly E., who is a practical telegraph operator, having held positions at Warner and at Bridgeton, N. J. Miss Molly is regarded as quite expert in her line of business. At present she is a resident of Marietta, and assistant in the treasurer's office. Mr. Schofield and wife are members of the Universalist church, and he belongs to lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., at Marietta. It is worthy of mention that C. M. Schofield, a brother of our subject, volunteered in the Union army in 1861, when only twenty years of age. He served for three years in Company D, Twelfth regiment, enlisting as a private he attained to the rank of sergeant. He was taken prisoner, and for eight months endured the untold horrors of the den of death at Andersonville. He re-enlisted in December, 1863, for three years, in the same regiment and company, and after serving one year was mustered out with his regiment. He made a brave and loyal soldier, proving a credit to his ancestry. I. C., a brother of our subject, volunteered in the Union army, July, 1861, at the age of eighteen. He served for

three years in Company G, Thirty-sixth regiment. He re-enlisted in December, 1863, for three years in the same regiment and company, and after serving one year and five months was mustered out with his regiment.

Hiram Luther Sibley was born in Gustavus, Trumbull county, Ohio, May 4, 1836, his parents being Ezekiel and Phœbe (Simons) Sibley. On the father's side the ancestry is traced to John Sibley, who came from England in the Fleet, A. D. 1629, settling at Salem, Mass. He was a selectman of that town, and went to the general assembly at Boston. His son Joseph was born in 1655, and settled at Sutton, Mass. Joseph's son, Benjamin, born September 9, 1703, went to Connecticut. His son, Ezekiel, was father of a boy of the same name, born October 2, 1766, who settled near Westfield, Mass., where he reared a large family, the eldest of whom, Ezekiel, was born August 27, 1789. Among the children of the latter was Ezekiel, father of our subject, born at Westfield, October 22, 1814. He removed with his parents to Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1830. October 29, 1834, he married Phœbe, daughter of Luther and Chene (Waters) Simons, formerly of Connecticut, and pioneers on the Western Reserve. In 1841, Ezekiel, Jr., with his family, moved to Gallipolis, and in 1847, to Middleport, Ohio. In 1855, he joined the Ohio conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member to his death, April 15, 1885. Hiram Luther Sibley was reared in Gallia and Meigs counties. He attended the common schools to the age of thirteen, when he went to a trade. In 1852, he was sent to a select school for six months, again becoming a student in 1856. In 1858, while following his trade, he began the study of law. In 1860, he was elected clerk of the court for Meigs county, Ohio, entering upon the duties of his office, February, 1861. This position he resigned in August, 1862, to accept a second lieutenancy in Company B, One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, which company he helped to raise. June 15, 1863, he was captured at a battle north of Winchester, Va., and held a prisoner of war in Libby prison, to May 7, 1864. Thence he was taken to Macon and Savannah, Ga., and to Charleston and Columbia, S. C. He was exchanged by special request of Gen. B. F. Butler, at Charleston Harbor, December 10, 1864; January 11, 1865, because of disability, he was honorably discharged by order of the war department. While a prisoner, Gov. Brough had commissioned him first lieutenant. April 14, 1865, Mr. Sibley was admitted to the bar at Pomeroy, Ohio. The August following he went to Marietta, Ohio, as clerk for Hon. G. M. Woodbridge, United States assessor, one year. September, 1866, he began practice in his profession as one of the law firm of Ewart, Shaw & Sibley. The next year he was nominated for prosecuting attorney by the republicans. About this time

Mr. Sibley and Hon. R. L. Nye formed a law partnership, which continued until 1869. In 1870 he located at Pomeroy, Ohio, as one of the law firm of Paine & Sibley. Four years later he returned to Marietta, as a partner of Hon. Thomas W. Ewart. In 1882 he was a candidate for judge of the court of common pleas, in the seventh district of Ohio, to which office he was elected then, and for a second term, in 1888. Mr. Sibley was a delegate from Marietta to the international convention of the Y. M. C. A., held at Detroit in 1867. He was also elected lay delegate, and served as such in the Methodist Episcopal general conference of 1884, held at Philadelphia. In 1888, that body authorized the appointment of a commission, composed of three bishops, seven ministers and seven laymen, to define the organic law of the church, the constitution and powers of the general conference, and to propose desirable changes. Mr. Sibley was chosen as a lay member of this body, which is likely to prove of historic importance. He has also been selected as a delegate to the Methodist Ecumenical conference, at Washington, D. C., October 21, 1891. At its Commencement in 1878, Marietta college conferred upon Mr. Sibley the honorary degree of Master of Arts. April 22, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Esther A., daughter of John R. and Elizabeth O. Ellis, of Racine, Ohio, by whom he has living, three children: William Giddings, a graduate of Marietta college, now owning and editing the Gallipolis (Ohio) *Tribune;* Frank L. and Myrtie Regena. Judge Sibley ranks high upon the bench of Ohio. A number of his written opinions have been reported in the *Columbus* (Ohio) *Law Journal.* They are able in statement, and show learning and analytical power.

Rodney K. Shaw, one of the elder, capable and best known lawyers of the Washington county bar, was born in the village of Copenhagen, Lewis county, N. Y., December 13th, 1829. He spent his early youth in the district school and in his father's country store. On reaching his majority he began an academic course at Union academy, Belleville, Jefferson county, N. Y., which was continued at Lowville academy. He made a thorough preparation to enter college in the senior year, having mastered all the mathematics included in a collegiate course. During this time he was engaged in teaching school at different periods, having spent a year in West Virginia, one in Mississippi, and parts of another year in New York state in this work. He received a life certificate in 1854 from the superintendent of public instruction of New York state for success and excellence in teaching. While pursuing his academic studies Mr. Shaw gave every available moment to the study of the law, having commenced the study of that science in the office of the Hon. N. B. Sylvester, of Lowville, N. Y., and completed it with Hon. E. S. Merrell, at Copenhagen. He was admitted to the bar at the general term

of the supreme court of New York, at Utica, January 2nd, 1855. Early in the year 1855 he abandoned the completion of his collegiate course and commenced active practice of the law in his native town, continuing there until the fall of 1858, when he was called to his father's side in Parkersburg, Va,, the latter having become a hopeless invalid. He remained with his father until his death in October, 1859. In December, 1859, Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Lovina S. Clark, daughter of John Clark, who was a native of Copenhagen, N. Y. He remained in Parkersburg until the spring of 1860. In March of that year he was employed as a clerk in the office of the Hon. Thomas W. Ewart, then a leading attorney of eastern Ohio. In April of the same year Mr. Shaw was admitted to the Ohio bar on motion, and he continued with Mr. Ewart until he turned his attention to raising a company of volunteers for the Union army. He succeeded in raising Company G, Sixty-third regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and went in command of it to the field, in the summer of 1861. While living in New York he had served five years in her uniformed militia, having had command of a company of the Thirty-fifth regiment at the time of his removal to Virginia. Mr. Shaw was fortunate in being connected with a regiment during the war that won a record for valiant service equal to any in Ohio. He was discharged on account of disability after one year's service. In 1863, having partially regained his health, he became partner of Thomas W. Ewart, under the firm name of Ewart & Shaw, and resumed the active practice of his profession. In 1871 Mr. Shaw severed his connection with this firm and has since conducted a good business alone, never employing outside aid in any case. At the organization of the American Bar association he became a member and has since continued his membership. He is a man of great literary taste and ability, and is a poet of no mean power. He is a thorough student of economics, and an excellent general statistician, and an accomplished political statistician. He was selected as the poet of the centennial celebration of the settlement of the northwest, held at Marietta, Ohio, April 7th, 1888, and contributed a poem of a hundred lines on the "Triumph of Liberty." He is a firm believer in higher education, and his three sons are graduates of the Marietta college. Mr. Shaw has never sought public office, and has never been a candidate for political preferment but once.

The Honorable Gilbert Smith was born in Wesley township, Washington county, Ohio, August 20, 1832, his parents being Carmi and Sarah (Bishop) Smith. The paternal grandfather was James Ward Smith, a native of New York, who settled in Wesley township in 1810, and cleared and improved the farm now occupied by his son, James Ward, Jr. His wife was Miss Alder-

man, by whom he had these children: Vincent, Janson Smith, Milton, Harvey, James W., Jr., Carmi, Eli, Mrs. Talma Skinner, Mrs. Lucy Cumley. Gilbert Bishop, the maternal grandsire of Gilbert Smith, was also a native of New York, whence he came to Fairfield township, Washington Co., Ohio, in 1819. Carmi Smith was born in Wesley township in 1812. Most of his life he has been engaged in farming and stock dealing, and has also been somewhat interested in the mercantile business. Since 1887 he has made Wesley township his permanent residence, having lived in Athens and Morgan counties for some time at different periods. His children were: Gilbert, Angeline (Mrs. William Thompson), Talma (Mrs. Sylvester Williams), Mrs. Esther Goddard and Mrs. Sarah Graham. Gilbert Smith passed his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in the common schools. In 1857, January 8th, he married Rowena G., daughter of David and Anne (Lake) Williams, of Fairfield township, Mrs. Smith being the fourth generation of Mary Bird Lake, who taught the first Sabbath school in Ohio 100 years ago. At this time he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and purchased a farm in the latter township, on which he has since resided. During this time he has been engaged in buying and selling stock, and for many years shipped to eastern markets. He was in Baltimore endeavoring to dispose of a large lot of stock on the day of the famous riots, April 19, 1861, and was taken prisoner and held for two weeks before he could regain his liberty. Mr. Smith is a man of the most unswerving integrity and one whose earnest efforts in behalf of the people's welfare have made him very popular. He has twice represented his county in the state legislature, and in 1883 was elected by the democracy of the fourteenth senatorial district to the state senate.

A. R. Smith, superintendent of the Lower Salem public schools, is a native of Noble county, Ohio, where he was born June 22, 1855. His parents are James H. and Eleanor (Enochs) Smith, both natives of Ohio and still honored residents of Noble county. These parents have had twelve children, five of whom are still living, our subject being the youngest of the family. He began life at twenty-one as a teacher, which business he has followed steadily for fourteen years. He was educated in the public schools and completed a commercial course at Duff's college in Pittsburg. His teaching has been principally in the towns of Noble and Washington county, and he had charge of the schools at Elba before coming to Lower Salem. At the latter place he has had charge of the schools for two years. He teaches according to the latest and most approved methods, giving a high degree of satisfaction to parents, patrons and pupils. In addition to his other duties, Prof. Smith is superintendent of the township, having ten schools in charge. This is a new enter-

prise, in which he has been chiefly instrumental and the result promises to be very beneficial, and it may be said with truth of our subject that he enjoys and deserves front rank among the leading educators of the country. In 1884 he married Miss Maud, daughter of W. H. McBride, of Noble county, and the union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Blanche. The father of Mrs. Smith took part in the late war as a private in the Twenty-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, which regiment participated in many of the leading battles. He was the first wounded soldier brought back to the county and was at the time suffering from a wound received in battle. After his recovery he returned to the service and in all served for three years. Our subject has been connected with the Masonic order and also the I. O. O. F. since his majority. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party and is in every way an estimable citizen.

R. E. Smithson was born in Washington county, Ohio, May 4, 1831, his parents being John and Jane (Campbell) Smithson. The father came from England with his parents in 1804, at the age of two years. They settled in Otsego county, N. Y., where they remained until 1811, and then removed to Washington county, Ohio. He was first a farmer, later a merchant, and taught the second school in Aurelius township. He died September 10, 1877, aged seventy-five. His wife is still living at the age of eighty-five. They had twelve children, eight of whom are still living. Robert E. enlisted December 1, 1861, in Company G, Seventy-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry. His first battle was that at Shiloh, but he was engaged in skirmishing most of the time until the evacuation of Corinth. The regiment passed through various vicissitudes and numerous changes of location incident to warfare, but it is not necessary to mention them all in detail. During the time of Gen. Banks' expedition to Shreveport, Gen. Steele's army, including the Seventy-seventh regiment, was ordered to join him. Arriving at Camden they learned of Banks' defeat and retreat, and they were ordered with the balance of the brigade and with a supply train to Pine Bluff. At Mark's Mills they were intercepted by Gen. Marmaduke, and after quite a battle with heavy loss, the entire brigade was overpowered and taken prisoners. This was April 25, 1864. The prisoners were taken to Tyler, Tex. While in prison they suffered much from the brutality of Lieut.-Col. Barder, who was an Englishman by birth, and a tyrant seldom exceeded in cruelty and cowardice. This brute was finally removed from the command by order of E. Kirby Smith, and was succeeded by Col. Sweet, who proved to be a gentleman, and the soldiers used to take pleasure in saying that he was as "sweet" in disposition as in name. Col. Sweet was succeeded by a desperado who was reported to have been run down by bloodhounds and conscripted

into the rebel service. As a part of his armament he carried an "Arkansas Toothpick," by which term is meant a dirk, nearly as long as a sword, but a favorite weapon with the freebooters of the wild west. This formidable implement of war was stolen from the poltroon one day by one of the prisoners while he was strutting around among them on his official duties. The "Arkansaw Toothpick" was, as it were, converted from an instrument of war into an implement of peace, being heated and bent in semi-circular shape for digging the tunnel through which many a poor prisoner subsequently escaped. The prisoners, including the subject of this sketch, suffered much from hunger during their confinement. At first their usual ration was a pint of unbolted cornmeal and about a pound of meat to the man for the entire day. Under the administration of the brutal Barder, who was an unnaturalized Englishman as well as an unnaturalized human being, the prisoners were glad to get anything they could. An incident of the cruel treatment of this wretch is thus described: Col. John Reed of the Third Missouri had made his escape and was re-captured; Barder had him placed on a stump in his bare, bald head, when the heat was shining down at 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Reed was finally unable to bear this any longer and threatened Barder with retaliation in kind at the hands of his (Reed's) cavalry. Barder then mercifully (?) changed the punishment to hanging by the thumbs. Reed threatened again, and was at last locked up in the guard house without anything to eat. He was put there with the intention of being starved to death, but this was prevented by friends outside who supplied him with food. Being taken out at the end of ten days he was found in better condition than when locked up. Later Reed escaped and reached the Union lines at Little Rock. Our subject made his escape from the prison in July, 1864, being assisted indirectly by the guards who were brothers of the "Mystic Tie." A number of other Union soldiers escaped at the same time. Our subject and Capt. W. W. Scott were cut off from the others and wandered around for over two weeks, when they were re-captured August 12, 1864, and returned to prison. After ten months' confinement, they were exchanged on February 25th. In March, 1865, Major Smithson caused many a happy heart in his home and village by putting in an appearance as an exchanged prisoner of war. The papers had previously published an account of his supposed death and burial, which made his return a much greater surprise. When he arrived at home he found his wife dressed in deep mourning. While on his way home at Columbus, Ohio, he received from Gov. Brough his commission as captain, and returned to his regiment about fifteen days later. He was mustered out March 8, 1866, having served nearly four and a half years. Since the war Major Smithson has been in

poor health, suffering from rheumatism acquired in the service. Before his retirement from the army he was breveted major. In 1863 he married Miss Ara A. Harris, who died in 1866 at the age of twenty-two. In 1867 he espoused Miss Julia M. Collins, a teacher of Cleveland, Ohio. They have five children: Jennie B., Maggie, Mary G., Mabel I. and Donald R., who died November 22, 1890, aged seven. Major Smithson is a member of the Masonic order, was formerly an I. O. O. F., and now belongs to the G. A. R. post. He is vice president of the association of the Seventy-seventh regiment, and also of the branch association of prisoners of war for southeastern Ohio. He was the first mayor of the incorporated village of Macksburg, and both as a private and public man he enjoys universal esteem.

R. C. Smithson, the leading merchant in the town of Macksburg, is a native of Washington county, and dates his birth from October 17, 1840. His parents were John and Jane (Campbell) Smithson, further particulars of whom will be found in the sketch of Robert E. Smithson, printed elsewhere in this volume. They were the parents of eleven children, and four of their sons were soldiers in the civil war, viz.: William, Richard, Robert E. and Horatio N. The latter enlisted in 1861, in the Seventy-seventh regiment, and took part in many battles, dying of fever at the age of twenty years. William and Robert served in the same regiment and fought in the same battles and the aggregate service of the brothers would amount to a period of about twelve years. Richard C. enlisted August, 1862, in Company H, Ninty-second Ohio Volunteer infantry, and took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Rocky Face and was in sight of the battle of Lookout Mountain, while it was in progress. Mr. Smithson was with his regiment in all of its experiences until the army reached Raleigh, N. C., and took part in the Grand Review at Washington. June 10, 1865, he was mustered out at the national capital, having escaped through much arduous service without being wounded or taken prisoner. After the close of hostilities, he engaged in the mercantile business, in which he has kept steadily ever since with increasing success. For the past six years, he has held the important position of treasurer of the township, and has been a notary public for twelve years. His official service has been satisfactory, and he is recognized as one of the substantial men of the community. October 14, 1869, Mary E., daughter of Isaac and Hannah Atkinson, of Marietta, became his wife. They have three children living, viz.: Harry N., Nellie G. and Dolly. Mrs. Smithson is a communicant of the Christian church. Her husband is a member of the Masonic order, holding the position of secretary, and has filled all the offices, being W. M. for eight years. The family is widely known and generally esteemed.

Samuel J. Spencer was born in Maysville, Ky., January 18, 1829, being a son of Elijah and Mary (Harris) Spencer. The father was born in east Virginia in 1797, and died about 1881. He was a son of John Spencer, who was a soldier in the war of revolution. Our subject has several thousand dollars in continental money, which his grandfather obtained by furnishing stock to the troops. Our subject's father went to Maysville, Ky., where he married, and from there to Charleston, W. Va. In 1842 he moved to Parkersburg, where his death occurred. He followed the business of steamboating most of his life. The mother of our subject was a Virginian by birth, and died in August, 1873. She was the mother of eight children, all of whom lived to be grown. Our subject remained in Kentucky until about four years of age, after which he followed the various migrations of his parents. He began work on a steamboat when a mere boy, and this business he has always followed, accumulating considerable property during the course of his life. In 1853 he took for his wife Miss Lucy A., daughter of Josiah Henderson. The result of this union was the following children: Josiah C., Robert, William and Gaywood. Our subject has owned a boat and has had an interest in several others at different times. His principal boating has been on the Ohio river, his runs being from Pittsburg to Louisville, St. Louis and New Orleans. He is a member of No. 7, I. O. O. F. He has held the position of captain or pilot since 1859. During the war he was engaged in transporting troops and doing other business for the Union armies. The Spencer family are of English descent, and are noted for their substantial traits of character.

Osmer A. Stacy was born in Washington county, Ohio, September 25, 1830, his parents being John and Louisiana (Frost) Stacy. The father was a well-to-do farmer and served as trustee of the township for many terms. Mrs. Stacy was the third of seven children born to Stephen and Nancy (Ellison) Frost. Stephen was born December 8, 1770, and died in 1837. His wife was born October 22, 1784. Their children were Robert, Clarina, Louisiana, Rosetha, Nancy, Stephen and Eliza. Nancy Ellison Frost is still living at the advanced age of one hundred and six, and has been blind for the last six years, but her mind seems to be good and she keeps up with the occurrences of the time. She has always been a great reader, and for many years made it a practice to read the Bible through once each year. She was born in Fayette county, Penn., and came to Ohio with her parents in 1789. The family lived in the garrison at Marietta for some five years. She was married in the year 1800 when she was sixteen years of age. The subject of this sketch is the second of a family of four children, all of whom are living. He began life as a school teacher at the age of twenty-one. Subse-

quently he worked on an Ohio flat-boat for three winters, making trips to New Orleans. Tiring of that he went to farming, which he has followed ever since. In 1857 he was married to Miss Lydia A., daughter of Freeman Pixley, of Washington county, Ohio. The union resulted in the birth of eight children: Albert, Jessie, wife of Franklin McNeal; George, Osmer, William, Harry, Mary and Lilly. Our subject is a member of the Masonic order, and politically is an ardent republican. In all the relations of life he will be found to be an excellent citizen and an estimable man.

Friederich Stamm, a well-known business man of Lowell, Ohio, was born in Germany, June 17, 1844. His parents were Peter and Catherine (Becker) Stamm, both natives of Germany, where they were born, lived and died. They had a family of ten children, six of whom are still living, our subject being the youngest. He came to America in 1870, and settled in Washington county, Ohio, of which he has been a resident ever since. He engaged in the mercantile business in 1882, and has continued at that ever since with good success. He ranks among the thrifty and well-to-do men of the community. In 1872, he was united in matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Ulmer, she has born him three children: Mary, Katie and Friederich. Mr. and Mrs. Stamm are members of the German Protestant church, and they have many friends.

D. J. States, M. D., was born in Monroe county, Ohio, March 15, 1845, his parents being Samuel and Frances (Drum) States, the father a native of Pennsylvania, and the mother of Ohio. The latter's father, Jacob Drum, was an Indian scout, and was with Gen. Arthur St. Clair at the time of his disastrous defeat in one of the bloodiest battles of the pioneer days. At the time of this terrific encounter with the Indians under "Little Turtle," Jacob Drum was serving in the capacity of scout. He was one of the pioneers and early settlers in the Ohio valley, and died about 1855, at an advanced age. Samuel States was a soldier and held the position of chief gunner in Battery K, First Ohio light artillery. He served in this position for over three years, which was more than his regular time of enlistment. He was a farmer by occupation, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an upright citizen in every respect. His death took place in March, 1887, at the age of sixty-three, and his wife still survives him, aged seventy. They had two children, namely, the subject of our sketch and Sarah J., wife of R. M. Cline, of Monroe county. The latter couple have six children: Oliver H., Frankie, Samuel, David, Bert and Grace. At the age of sixteen years our subject left school in November, 1861, and enlisted in Company K, Sixty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. Shortly after going into camp, he took sick with the measles, and his mother secured his release from the service. In June, 1862, he enlisted in the Ninety-second Ohio volunteer in-

fantry, with which he took part in a number of battles, including Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea. In this noted campaign they were for 120 days either under fire or within hearing of cannonading. Our subject was a proud participant in the Grand Review at Washington, which formally wound up the war. Returning home our subject attended school, farmed and engaged in teaching until 1881, when he began to study medicine under Dr. C. T. Riley, of New Matamoras. Afterward he attended Pulte Medical college, at Cincinnati, took the first honors in a class of sixteen, and was selected as the class valedictorian for '84. He began the practice at New Matamoras, where he has remained ever since, with the exception of six months spent in Kansas. The doctor's marriage took place in 1869, to Miss Nancy R. Boyd, whose death occurred in 1880. Our subject was married the second time in 1882, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Patterson Taylor, of Wetzel county, W. Va. They have one child, Edna W. The doctor and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the former holds the position of steward and class leader. He is a member of the G. A. R., is a pohibitionist, and enjoys excellent social standing.

George W. Stanley, treasurer of Washington county, was born in Fearing township, August 13, 1843, being the son of George and Ann E. (Landford) Stanley. The paternal grandfather was Thomas Stanley, who came to Marietta in 1788, and two years later settled in Fearing township, where he died March 14, 1816. He was a son of Thomas, who was the son of Capt. John Stanley, who emigrated to America in 1636 and settled in Hartford, Conn. George Stanley, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Fearing township, and resided there until about 1855, and who died at Warner, Ohio, in 1883. He served as commissioner of Washington county one term and was a member of the Universalist church. He reared a family of seven children: Wallace (deceased), William W., George C. (deceased), George W., Thomas, Jonathan and Julia (deceased.) The principal of this biographical mention was educated in the common schools of his native county and lived on the paternal farm until March, 1862, when he offered his services and his life to his country by enlisting in Company C, First West Virginia Light artillery, and participated in the battles of Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville, Second Bull Run, Gettysburg, and other engagements. He received his honorable discharge from the service as a corporal, after three years of patriotic and valiant service. After the war he secured a clerkship in a store at Marietta, and later at Lower Salem. In 1867 he embarked in the general mercantile trade at Cow Run, and remained there

for two years. He located at Warner in 1870 and has since been prominently identified with the business interests of that place. In November, 1889, he was elected treasurer of Washington county and assumed the duties of that office in September, 1890. Mr. Stanley has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Jennie Williams. His second marriage was to Miss Lily M., daughter of D. W. and Druzilla T. (Marshall) Schofield, of Warner, and the latter union has resulted in the birth of these children: Jessie E., Carl and Estella. Mr. Stanley is a member of the Universalist church, and also of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. He is a republican.

John Williams Stanley was born in Fearing township, Washington county, Ohio, April 30, 1821, his parents being Thomas Ford and Angelina (Goldsmith) Stanley. Thomas Ford Stanley was born January 16, 1787, and was a son of Thomas and Anna (Ford) Stanley, and grandson of Thomas and Mary (Francis) Stanley, and great-grandson of Thomas and Esther (Cowles) Stanley, the former being a son Thomas and Anne (Peck) Stanley. The last mentioned sire was the son of Captain John and Sarah (Scott) Stanley. Mention of Captain John Stanley will be found in another place in this work. Thomas, the paternal grandfather of John William Stanley, was born at Farmington, Conn., September 27, 1762, and married, November 27, 1783, Anna, daughter of Thomas Ford, of Wethersfield, Conn., by whom he had two children, Daniel G. and Thomas Ford. His second wife was Mixanda Nott, by whom he had twelve children: Francis R., James, Mrs. Nancy Salmon, Mrs. Lucy Blake, Cynthia, Joseph, Mrs. Mary Porter, Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman, Mrs. Clarrissa Hovey, Mrs. Sarah W. Doane, Mrs. Mixanda Whittock and George W. He settled in Marietta in 1788, but removed to Fearing township about 1800, and died there March 14, 1816. Thomas Ford Stanley, father of our subject, was reared in Washington couny, Ohio. He remained on the old home place, carrying on the farm, a saw-mill and distillery, but abandoned the latter in 1830 from principle. He was prominent in church work, and became a staunch advocate of the temperance cause. He was a deacon in the Congregational church and superintendent of the Sunday school from 1835 until the time of his death, in March, 1866. His children were: Joseph F., Timothy T., John W., Mrs. Eliza Caywood, Mrs. Lucy Collins, Luther W. and Charles A. John Williams Stanley was reared on his father's farm. He received his education in the common schools and at the Marietta academy. In 1856 he located in Marietta, and embarked in the furniture and carpet business, in which he successfully continued until 1881. In 1888 he established a crockery and glassware house, and is still interested in that business. Mr. Stanley married Miss Sally A. Gray, and after her

death espoused Mrs. Sarah (Cole) Howe, daughter of Sampson and Amy (Chase) Cole, pioneers of Marietta. Howard W. and John T. are the offspring of the latter marriage. The family are communicants of the Congregational church. Mr. Stanley is one of the ablest business men in the city. He retired from business June 2, 1890.

W. P. Stewart was born in Washington county, Ohio, July 11, 1855, his parents being Joseph and Marguereta (Berry) Stewart, natives of Washington county, Penn. The father came to Washington county, Ohio, many years ago with his family and settled on a farm in Salem township, where he lived until his death which occurred May 13, 1874, at the age of about sixty. The mother survived until May 29, 1886, when she died aged about fifty-eight. They had four children: Newton, John, William and David. The subject of our sketch began life at the age of seventeen, with a common school education as an apprentice in the Athens Journal office, then under the management of R. W. Jones, editor and publisher Athens county, Ohio, which situation he had to abandon on account of continued ill health. His next adventure was as agent, later learned telegraphy and took charge of an office after being on the road five years. His first stationary office was at Whipple, which position he still retains after a service of ten years. The length of his employment indicates that his work has been entirely satisfactory to his employers and all others interested. In addition to his services as operator, he has served as express, ticket and freight agent during all these years. He is regarded as possessing rare business ability and is looked upon as one of the worthy and respected citizens of the township. April 5, 1887, he was united in matrimony to Miss Katie, daughter of Elizabeth and Philip Beaver, of Washington county. Mrs. Stewart is a member of the Lutheran church, and a lady of many excellent traits of character. Our subject was appointed postmaster of Whipple, January 15, 1890, which position he still holds and in which he is rendering excellent service.

E. L. St. John, M. D., was born in Washington county, Ohio, July 21, 1835, on the ground where his office is now located. His parents were Russell and Isabella (Chamberlin) St. John, of Connecticut and New York respectively. They were married in 1820 in New York and came to Washington county in the next year, settling at Macksburg, where they remained until 1830, and then removed to Elba. Russell followed farming and blacksmithing during his stay at Macksburg. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812 for several months and his death occurred January 22, 1874, at the age of eighty-two. His wife departed this life September 24, 1843, aged forty-seven. They had seven children, but our subject and Ralph W. are the only ones sur-

viving. Erastus L. began life for himself at the age of sixteen as teacher of a country school. He followed this profession for a number of years; afterward clerked for a while at Marietta; and began the study of medicine in 1867 with his brother, and later under Dr. Brown, of Macksburg. He began the practice in Monroe county, where he remained about twenty years, moving to Elba in 1882. For three years he was in partnership in Monroe county with Dr. Ashbaugh, an old practitioner of that place. Dr. St. John has been very successful in his profession and is ranked among the leading citizens of the community. January 27, 1861, his marriage took place, to Miss Caroline F., daughter of William L. and Sarah (Rayley) of Washington county. Their children are: Watson R., a teacher by profession, living in Langdon, Kan.; Charles F., of Zanesville; Hattie L., a successful teacher of music, and Mattie L. Mrs. St. John died April 3, 1880, aged thirty-nine. She was an excellent Christian lady and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Our subject belongs to the I. O. O. F., and also K. of P. He is independent in politics, well informed and generally esteemed.

Bernhard E. Stoehr, general agent for the Christian Moerlein Brewing company, for Washington, Monroe, Noble, Morgan and Guernsey counties, is a native of Hesse Nassau, Germany, where he was born April 8, 1838. His parents were Frederick J. and Theresa (Seng) Stoehr. Mr. Stoehr received his education in his native home, where he learned the cooper and brewer's trade. In 1858, he emigrated to America, and settled at Wheeling, Va., where for two years he was engaged in brewing. In 1860, he removed to Marietta, and embarked in the brewing business, and became proprietor of the Gaddels brewery, which he operated for three years. At this time Mr. Stoehr went to Cincinnati and became identified with the Kleiner Bros'. brewery. In 1864, he returned to Marietta, and until 1878, conducted a business there, when for six years he was interested in the saloon business. In 1884, he secured the agency for the company which he now represents. In 1865, Mr. Stoehr was married to Miss Catherine, daughter of Jabob Gaddel and Carolina (*nee* Kœnigstein) of Marietta, by whom he had five children: Frederick J., Caroline A., Nellie M., Bernhard E., Jr., and Lillie C. Mr. Stoehr is a member of the I. O. O. F., Red Men, O. U. F., and politically is an independent.

Bradley B. Stone was born in Belpre, Washington county, Onio, December 31, 1841, the son of Col. John and Charlotte P. (Loring) Stone. The paternal grandfather was Captain Jonathan Stone, who married Susanna Mathews, who was a niece of Gen. Rufus Putnam, and daughter of John and Huldah (Putnam) Mathews. Capt. Stone settled in Belpre, in 1789. He served during the Revolution with valor and distinction. A far-

mer by occupation, he also gave much attention to surveying, and was the original shareholder in the Ohio company, and later was the first treasurer of Washington county. He resided at Belpre, until his death, in 1801. His children were: Samuel, Benjamin Franklin, Rufus P., Mrs. Grace Dana, Mrs. Melissa Barker and John. The latter was born June 23, 1795, in Belpre, Ohio, and remained on the old homestead until his death. His wife was a daughter of Ezekiel Loring, a pioneer of Belpre. In 1826 Mr. Stone was made a colonel in the militia. He was a a man of strong character and intelligent force. He was a champion of abolition, and took an active part in many stirring scenes along the Ohio shore of the Ohio river. His eight children were: Samuel, Mrs. Melissa B. Northrup, S. Bolivar (who died in service during the late war); Mrs. Lydia P. Moore, John L., Augustus D., J. Frank and Bradley B. The latter was educated in the common and select schools of his native county. He was a member of Company G, Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, during the civil war, and rose from the ranks to a captaincy, receiving his honorable discharge in June, 1865. In the following October he was married to Mary C. Ames, daughter of Charles R. and Mary (Fisher) Ames, of Belpre, and four children have been born to them: Ernest A. and Winthrop dying in childhood, and two living, Laura A. and Chester A. After leaving the army, Captain Stone engaged in general merchandising, and continued in that trade until 1881, when he was elected auditor of Washington county, serving six years and ten months. Since that time he has been interested in the real estate business. He is a member of the Universalist church, the G. A. R., K. of P., and is a staunch republican.

One of the most prominent and successful merchants of Marietta is Mr. William H. Styer, a leading druggist. Mr. Styer is a native of Marietta, having first seen the light in that city December 6, 1843. William and Wilhelmina (Seimer) Styer, his parents, were natives of Hanover, Prussia. They emigrated to America in 1837 and settled at Marietta. The maternal grandfather, Henry Seimer, was also an early settler of Marietta. William Styer was a carpenter and builder and was engaged in business in Marietta from 1837 to 1881, his death having occurred in the latter year. William H., Henry E. and August, were the children that survived him. William H. Styer, the subject of this biographical sketch, was reared and educated in Marietta, having attended the public schools during his early boyhood. He offered his services to his country during the late war, by joining the state troops in July, 1861, but December 2, 1861, transferred his allegiance to the United States troops by enlisting in Battery H, First regiment, Ohio light artillery. May 2, 1863, he was promoted to corporal, to sergeant August 20, 1864, and

first sergeant March 16th, 1865. He re-enlisted January 1st, 1864, and received his final honorable discharge June 14, 1865, having participated in the following engagements: Winchester, Port Republic, Fredericksburg, Edinburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, siege of Petersburg and North Anna. In 1865 he went to Cincinnati and clerked in a drug store there until 1881. In 1881 he removed to Marietta and established a drug business, and has since succeeded in a remarkable manner. He has operated a branch store since 1887. On the first of October, 1868, Mr. Styer was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Emma Kohl, daughter of J. S. and Carrie (Seimer) Kohl, of Cincinnati, and two children have been born to them. Their names being, Emma L. and William J. Mr. Styer is a communicant of the German Lutheran church, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. and is a firm supporter of the republican party.

John D. Strauss was born in Hanau, Germany, April 11, 1819. He was educated in his native land and there learned the cabinet-maker's trade, he having served an apprenticeship of three years to that trade. He was engaged as a journeyman thereafter until 1848, when he sought a broader field for his life's work in the United States. He landed in New York City, and from there went to Norfolk, Va., then to Richmond, and two years later crossed the Allegheny mountains and came to Marietta, where he has since resided. He was first employed in this city by the Marietta Chair factory, in whose employ he remained for five years. At the expiration of this time Mr. Strauss became a salesman in a furniture establishment, and served in that capacity until 1860. In the latter year he purchased an interest in the Pioneer Flouring mills with Fred. Coleman, and the business was conducted under the firm name of Coleman & Strauss for twenty years. At the end of that time Mr. Coleman sold his interest in the business to other parties. Since that time the concern has been known as Strauss, Elston & Co. Mr. Strauss was married in 1853 to Miss Carolina Zimmer, daughter of Mr. John Zimmer, of Washington county, and five children of this marriage are now living, named: Daniel, Flora, Walter, Marietta Freda. Mr. Strauss is a communicant of the St. Paul's German Prostestant church. For two terms he ably represented his district in the city council, and is recognized as a leader in the republican party of that county. As a business man he is keen, progressive and successful.

George Strecker, a prominent German citizen of Harmar, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 5, 1833, and is a son of John and Mary (Seegler) Strecker, who emigrated to America in 1846, and settled at Marietta in 1847, where the father was engaged in conducting a cooperage business for three

years. He had six children who grew to maturity, named: Jacob, John, George, Catherine (Mrs. John Seamann), Mathew and William. Our subject was reared and educated in Marietta from his fourteenth year. He then learned the cooper's trade and worked at it for five years, after which he learned the boiler maker's trade with Putnam & Sons, of Harmar, and subsequently became foreman of their shops, remaining with them in that capacity for sixteen years. In 1867 he established a business for himself with his brother John, but one year later purchased his brother's interest and conducted the concern alone until 1885, when he admitted his son Henry into partnership. Since that time the business has been conducted under the firm name of George Strecker & Co., manufacturers of all kinds of boilers, sheet iron work, oil stills, etc. Mr. Strecker was married in April, 1856, to his wife, Johanna, by whom he has had eight children: Henry, Carrie (Mrs. John Gerken), Mrs. Kate Hovey, Mrs. Mary Bohl, Mrs. Lizzie Penwell, George, Emma and Frederick. Mr. Strecker is a member of the Congregational church, and also of the I. O. O. F. He has served as a member of the Harmar board of education for twenty years, and has been treasurer of the village for three years, and councilman for nearly twenty years. He is a republican.

Samuel Sulzbacher, one of the prominent clothiers and merchant tailors of Marietta, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, August 14, 1850. His parents were Henry and Lena (Guitterman) Sulzbacher, natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father came to the United States in 1838, and took up his residence at Chillicothe, where for many years he was a leading clothier. He died in that city June 4, 1890. Our subject was educated in the schools of his native city. After filling a clerkship for ten years in the cities of St. John, Mich., Cincinnati, Evansville, Ind., and Chillicothe, Ohio, he, in 1880, embarked in business for himself at Logan, Ohio, and was engaged in the merchant tailoring and clothing business there for seven years. Coming to Marietta in 1887, he engaged in that trade, and has since built up a very large concern. Mr. Sulzbacher was married in March, 1884, to Miss Jennie, daughter of Nevil and Mary (Johns) Thompson, of Zanesville, Ohio. He is one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Marietta. A man of undoubted ability and unimpeachable integrity. His political faith is founded upon the tenets of the republican party.

C. W. Talbot was born in Washington county March 23, 1826, his parents being Charles W. and Eliza (McMunn) Talbot, both natives of Washington county, Penn. Richard, the grandfather of our subject, came from Pennsylvania to Ohio about 1812 and settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Hutchison, Robert Amos and William Carsen's heirs. His son, Charles W., was

born in 1790, served in the war of 1812, and was on Lake Erie when peace was declared. He was a farmer and local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church, and later was ordained. In early days he was captain of the militia. He died in 1874, at the age of eighty-four. He was the father of twelve children, seven still living, and his wife survived until the age of eighty-seven. Our subject began life at eighteen, as a deck hand, and in a short time was promoted. He held the positions of mate and captain for twenty-six years, traveling on the rivers Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee, Wabash, upper and lower Mississippi. He left his boat in June, 1860, in Cincinnati, came home and in the fall ran a produce boat across the falls of the Ohio on the day Mr. Lincoln was first elected president. He went on to Memphis and left on one of the last boats that left before the blockade. After the war opened he was the first man to take a produce boat south from the upper Ohio to the cities of Memphis, Vicksburg and New Orleans. This was after the Mississippi had been reopened for navigation. He served on the river from 1844 to 1868, and since the last date has been farming. In 1857, early in the morning of the first day of July, a terrible railroad wreck took place near Vincent Station, on the M. & C. railroad. A car left the track, ran off the trestle work fifty-seven feet high, plunged for ninety feet to the bottom and so completely shattered the coach that the lower part of a seat was the largest piece of woodwork to be found. There were twenty-two persons in this coach including the conductor; fourteen died from injuries sustained and the remainder all wounded. Our subject was so seriously wounded that it was many years before he recovered. Mr. Talbot moved to New Matamoras in 1850, and has been a resident of the place ever since. He was married in 1849. In conclusion it is stated as a matter of family interest that Richard Talbot, our subject's grandfather, was colonel under Gen. George Washington, and later commanded a brigade at the battle of Lundy's Lane. For services rendered in that memorable battle he was made brigadier general.

John Thomas, one of the prominent farmers and sheep-raisers of Washington county, was born in Wales, in 1846, his parents being William and Eliza (Reese) Thomas. They came to America in 1848, and settled on the farm where our subject now resides. Mr. Thomas, the elder, was county commissioner for three terms, and was one of the founders of the Univeralist church of this locality. He died February, 1884, aged seventy-four years, his wife following him in 1887, at the age of seventy-nine. Their children numbered seven, of whom four are still living. Our subject managed the farm for his father until the latter's death. He was trustee of the township for about seven years, in which responsible position he gave entire satisfaction

to his constituency. In 1876, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Julia, daughter of Daniel Babson. The result of the union has been the birth of three children: Bessie L., Frank L., and Pearl L. Our subject is a member of the Masonic order, also of the I. O. O. F., in which lodge he holds the position of N. G. The names of the children of William and Eliza Thomas in the order of their birth are as follows: Walter, who married Evaline Perkins, and lives in California, following the business of fruit dealer. For fifteen years he was clerk of Salem township, and was a merchant in Lower Salem for many years. He held the position of county treasurer for one term, and went to California in 1887. The second child was Mary, who died when about twenty-two years old. Margaret, wife of Russell Chapman, who died in 1865, and his widow is living in Texas. Reese was married to Nora Babson, who died from the results of the amputation of a diseased leg. He was a private in the Third Ohio Volunteer infantry, and served three years; Jane married Wallace Stanley, who was captain in the Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer infantry. Both she and her husband are dead. David married Bertha Buoy, and they reside in Clermont county, Ohio, where he is a merchant. He was captain of a company in the Fourth battalion of cavalry during the war, and served over three years William, who was the only child born in America, died whe. quite young.

Victor Torner was born in Stockholm, Sweden, March 29, 1815, his parents being John and Margaret Torner. The father was a preacher and held the position of chaplain in the First artillery of the regular army. He held a diploma as master of arts from the college Greiswold, Germany. He was a member of the established church of Sweden, and died in 1828, aged fifty-eight. His wife's death occurred in 1838, at the age of fifty-eight. They had six children, the only living ones being our subject and his sister Euphrasyne, wife of Herman O. Blattston, of Chicago. Our subject received an excellent education in Sweden in the high school, the seminary and the Farmers' college. He was superintendent of the real estate of Baron Bonne for five years, and afterward held the same position for the king of Sweden. He came to America in 1854, at the age of thirty-nine, settling in New Jersey, later bought land in West Virginia, and lived there until the opening of the war, when he had to leave. In January, 1861, he went into the oil business at Burning Springs, W. Va., and has followed that ever since with fairly good success. He was married in Sweden, to Miss Charlotte Weiss, May 1, 1839. They have had three children: Elvira, wife of Joseph Die; John and William V. Mrs. Torner died June 15, 1890, aged sixty-six years. During her life she was a member of the Congregational church, to which our subject also belongs.

She was noted as an excellent Christian woman, true to duty in life. When the war opened our subject was a member of the union league, and was intensely loyal in his convictions. He is a substantial citizen and very generally esteemed.

Samuel R. Turner is a native of Montville, New London county, Conn., having first seen the light there September 28, 1813. His parents were Giles and Eunice (Comstock) Turner, both natives of Connecticut, and descendants of Puritan stock. The first American ancestor was Thomas Turner, a Quaker of Scotch parentage. Samuel R. Turner, the principal of this biographical mention, was educated in the schools of his native state. He clerked in a dry goods store for some time, and at the age of nineteen became a partner in the business, in which he was interested until 1835. For some time thereafter he was engaged in trade at Rope Ferry, Waterford, near New London, and in 1844 he came to Parkersburg, W. Va. From the spring of the latter year until the spring of 1848, he was engaged in business at the place last mentioned, and then settled at Marietta. For two years he was interested in the general mercantile business at Salem, and in 1850 embarked in the same trade in Marietta. In 1871 he turned his attention to the dry goods business exclusively, under the firm name of S. R. Turner & Son. Later the firm became S. R. Turner & Sons, and subsequently S. R. Turner & Co. Mr. Turner was married May 16, 1837, to Miss Hannah Butler, daughter of Charles and Hannah (Potter) Butler, of New London, Conn. This union has been blessed with the following children: Kate C., George (lieutenant and adjutant of the Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, died December 1, 1863, of wounds received at Mission Ridge November 25, 1863, while valiantly fighting for his country. He fills an honored soldier's grave); Frederick, Charles and Edward A. The family are communicants of the Baptist church, and Mr. Turner is a staunch republican. As a business man he excels. His name is honored wherever known, and he is generally considered a man of great business ability and of undisputed integrity.

C. E. Verges, a well-to-do business man of Lowell, was born in Germany, in 1848, his parents being F. W. and E. R. (Smith) Verges. They are both natives of Germany but now live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our subject came across the ocean in 1869 and visited all the states in the Union east of the Mississippi, on a prospecting tour, at the same time working and looking around for a situation. He tarried a few years in Cincinnati, and came to Lowell in 1873 where he has ever since engaged first in tanning, then in milling and now in both. He is a partner in the firm of F. Wilkins & Co., who own the Lowell mill, and he also has an interest in the Lowell tannery, owned by the same com-

pany. These two manufacturing industries do nearly as much business as all other enterprises in the town combined. Our subject has been quite successful in his business undertakings, and his success is all due to his own energy and hard work. In 1874 Mr. Verges took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Elizabeth Wilkins. Fraternally Mr. Verges is a member of the Masonic order and also of the I. O. O. F. He is not only an enterprising business man and thus a useful member of the community, but he is a good citizen in every sense of that word.

Martin P. Wells was born at Cape Elizabeth, Me., June 9, 1821, the son of Martin and Deborah Freeman (Hinckley) Wells, natives of Colchester, Conn., and Marblehead, Mass., respectively. He is a direct descendant of Gov. Thomas Wells, fourth governor of the Connecticut colony. He was a native of Colchester, England, and landed in Saybrook, Conn., in 1635. Martin P. Wells, our subject, was reared on a farm and educated at Gorham academy, Gorham, Me., and later at Bacon academy, Colchester, Conn. In the winters of 1839-40-41 he taught school at Bozrah, near Colchester, and in the spring of 1841 settled at Marietta, Ohio, where he was employed as a clerk for Bosworth & Wells, retail hardware dealers, from April 10, of that year, until January 1, 1845, when he was admitted into partnership in the business, the firm name being Bosworth, Wells & Co., and the concern has since been operated under that name. From 1845 until 1880 they conducted a retail hardware, dry goods and grocery establishment, although in separate stores. In the latter year they disposed of the hardware stock, and in 1885 they embarked in the wholesale grocery business exclusively. Mr. Wells was married in September, 1849, to Miss Harriet, daughter of Lyman and Eunice (Southmead) Butler, of Durham, Conn. Mr. Wells has always been actively and prominently identified with all movements looking toward the advancement and prosperity of Marietta. He was one of the organizers of a tree association, and caused 1,700 elm trees to be set out in various portions of the city, which have greatly beautified the place. The city park has been made a pleasant and sightly resort through his efforts, although in 1875 the spot was but an unfenced cow pasture. Mr. Wells was one of the leading organizers of the First National bank in 1863, and has been a director of that institution since its establishment, and is one of its principal stockholders. He is an active and earnest communicant of the Episcopal church, and is also a member of the F. & A. M.

William Wendell, who ranks among the best business men of Washington county, was born in Cincinnati, November 27, 1843, his parents being William and Anna M. (Haller) Wendell, natives of Germany, who came to America about 1835, and were

married in Cincinnati. The parents of William Wendell died while quite young, the father in 1849, of cholera, aged thirty-two years, and the mother in 1843, when but twenty-six years old. They were buried in lot 224, Walnut Hill cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio. But two children were born to them, William and Peter by name. The former, being left an orphan at the tender age of six years, went to live with his uncle, while the latter, when but an infant was taken to Guttenberg, Iowa, by L. Wheemer. He remained with the last named gentleman until the war broke out, when he enlisted and was mustered out in 1864, returning to Iowa, where he still resides engaged in farming. William Wendell lived with his uncle, John Rice, until he was seventeen years of age, and then went to Marietta, working as an apprentice in the tanning business, which has been his occupation ever since. In August, 1866, in partnership with Frank Wilkins, Peter Rice and Phil Mattern, he established a tannery in Lowell. In 1875, William and Mr. Rice bought the interest of the others and conducted the business until 1881, when Mr. Rice died. Since that time Mr. Wendell has owned and managed the business himself, having purchased the interest of his deceased partner at the appraisement. He has met with decided success in his calling and now owns much property. He has by his own efforts, industry and good judgment, accomplished the results which are indicated by his present business standing. His marriage took place February 28, 1869, to Miss Sarah E. Pfiel, who has borne him four children: William (deceased), Anna, Laura and Albert. The family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Wendell has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for twenty-one years, but is not now actively connected with the order. It can be said with the utmost truth of Mr. Wendell that he is very highly esteemed and that he well deserves the good opinion of all.

W. L. West, one of the well-known physicians of Washington county, was born in Marshall county, W. Va., December 1, 1850, his parents being John B. and Mary (Alexander) West, both natives of Virginia. The father was formerly a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later became a farmer. When in the first-mentioned pursuit he was an itinerant minister, traveled over the country on horseback and did pioneer work for the Methodist church for more than forty years. He was extensively and favorably known throughout the state, and passed from labor to reward in the spring of 1890, at Newport, Ohio, aged eighty-nine. His wife departed this life in 1874, at the age of sixty-five, she having spent her life as a devout and life-long member of the church. The lives and example of these excellent old people constitute a precious heritage for their family. They had a family of ten children, only four of whom still survive. Our subject was graduated at Jefferson

Medical college, in the class of 1874–75, and at once began practicing at Jolly, in Monroe county. He remained there two years and then came to New Matamoras where he has kept up an active practice ever since with good success. He stands well in the profession, and is numbered among the leading practitioners in his part of the state. In 1885 he embarked in the drug trade and has been doing well in that line of business ever since. The doctor has been mayor of the city for several terms and is now serving in that capacity. He has also been a member of the school board and at the present is acting as secretary of that board. He holds the position of captain of a company of the National Guards of New Matamoras. In 1882 he was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of Hannibal Williamson. Their home has been blessed by the birth of three children: Wylie H., Mary T. (deceased) and Florence N. Fraternally our subject is a Royal Arch Mason. His politics are democratic and he is an esteemed citizen in all the relations of life.

George Wieser, a member of the firm of Wieser & Reynolds, leading undertakers and furniture dealers of Marietta, first saw the light in Fearing township, Washington county, Ohio, October 2, 1858, his parents being John and Catherine (Schmidt) Wieser, both natives of Germany. The former came to this country in 1853 and engaged in farming in Fearing township. In 1860 he removed to Marietta and now resides in that city. He is the father of five children, named as follows: Mary (Mrs. Michael Tullins), John, George, William and Theresa. George Wieser was graduated from Marietta college in 1881, his previous life having been spent in that city, with the exception of two years while living in the town where he was born. After leaving college he began the study of law, and later was a clerk for two years in the Union brewery, after which he became its manager. He was chief clerk of the Marietta postoffice under postmaster D. S. Nye, and for seven years has been city clerk of Marietta. In April, 1890, Mr. Wieser embarked in the business in which he is now so successfully engaged. His marriage to Miss Sadie Cleary, daughter of Thomas and Bridget Cleary of Constitution, Ohio, was solemnized in 1885. The issue of this happy marriage is one son, Fergus. Mr. Wieser is a democrat in politics, and is recognized as a leader in that party in the community in which he resides. As a business man he possesses more than ordinary ability.

Dr. J. M. Williamson, the leading dentist in his portion of the state, was born in Matamoras, November 30, 1858, his parents being J. W. and Mary J. (Massey) Williamson, the father a native of West Virginia and the mother of Kentucky. The father is still living, and was for many years captain of a steamboat on the Ohio river, in which capacity he is known far and near. Of

late years he has dealt extensively in tan-bark. The mother died in December, 1887, aged fifty-four, having been a member of the church since early childhood, and a most excellent woman. These parents had nine children, seven now living: Charles C., the oldest, was drowned in 1860, aged eleven; Hannibal W., Emma, wife of Andrew Williamson, James M., Harrison, Mary B., died August, 1889, aged twenty-five; Rosa E., wife of C. E. Owens; Amanda J., wife of James E. Peoples, and Willie W., telegraph operator on the O. R. R. R. Our subject was educated in the schools of West Virginia. When seventeen years old, our engaged as salesman for musical instruments for D. H. Baldwin & Co., of Cincinnati. Three years afterward, he began the study dentistry, and since 1879 has been engaged in the practice of that profession with very successful results. He is regarded as very expert in his business and his work gives great satisfaction. His marriage took place August 14, 1879, to Miss Sadie C., daughter of John and Amy Craig, of Tyler county, W. Va. They have one child: Charlie D. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the doctor is a member of the Masonic order.

Alla Winsor, the popular proprieter and manager of the Marietta wharf-boat, was born in Watertown, Washington county, Ohio, March 29, 1852, being a son of Augustus and Esther A. (Smith) Winsor, a more extended mention of whom will be found in another place in this work. Our subject was given good educational advantages, and attended the common schools for several years, after which he became a student in the Bartlett academy. When fourteen years of age he went to Cincinnati and remained there for four years, having held a clerkship in a mercantile house during that time. After spending a year at Sedalia, Mo., Mr. Winsor was for two years a resident of New England. For two years thereafter he held the position of attendent in the Athens, Ohio, insane asylum, and later in the asylum at Indianapolis. His next business venture was made as a huckster in his native county, and for the next ten years he was engaged in general merchandising at Heslop, Ohio. Since 1887, Mr. Winsor has been a resident of Marietta, and is now engaged in the grocery trade and meat business, also owning a livery business and the Marietta wharf-boat. Mr. Winsor has been twice married. November 11, 1876, he married Mary E. Heil. She died November 22d, of the following year, and November 15, 1881, Mr. Winsor was united in marriage to Josephine, daughter of Morgan and Lucretia (Bull) Dye, and granddaughter of Samuel Dye, a pioneer of Lawrence township, Washington county, Ohio. This last union has happily resulted in the birth of four children, viz: Lucy E., Cosey A., Walter A. and Alla, Jr. Mr. Winsor is a member of the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., K. of P. and

U. R., and is a democrat. He is recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Marietta, and has won a reputation for ability and integrity of which any man might justly feel proud.

Augustus Winsor was born in Watertown township, Washington county, Ohio, January 12, 1827, his parents being Henry and Anna (Payne) Winsor. Augustus Winsor, the paternal grand-sire, was a native of Rhode Island, as was also the maternal grandfather, John Payne. Augustus settled in Watertown in 1817. He was a farmer, and also operated a grist-mill. Henry Winsor was born in Rhode Island. He settled in Watertown, Ohio, in 1819. Soon after his coming to Ohio he erected a distillery at Waterford, and carried on that business for many years. He died in 1828, at the age of thirty-five years, leaving three children: Betsey, wife of David H. Tompkins; Henry, and Augustus. His widow afterward married William Woodford, of Connecticut. He came to Watertown in 1796. Augustus Winsor, the subject of this mention, was reared in his native town, and upon reaching the years of manhood engaged in the tannery business at Watertown, and remained in that vocation for two years, after which he gave his attention to the general mercantile trade, and after five years spent in that returned to the tannery business. In 1860 he was elected sheriff of Washington county, and in 1862 was re-elected. After the expiration of his second term as sheriff Mr. Winsor removed to Palmer township, where he was engaged in agriculture for eleven years. In 1876 he removed to Marietta, and since 1879 has conducted a large grocery business at that place. Esther A. Smith, daughter of Harvey and Eliza (Dixon) Smith, of Wesley township, and granddaughter of James Smith, a pioneer of Wesley township, became his wife and bore him two children, Alla and Anna E. (Mrs. Charles Stone). Mrs. Winsor died in early life, and Mr. Winsor was united in marriage to Mary A., daughter of Joseph and Betsey (Danley) Leonard, pioneers of Palmer township. Mr. Winsor is a member of the Universalist church, is a staunch republican, and is recognized as one of the leading citizens of Marietta, having won an enviable reputation for business ability and integrity.

William H. Wolfram was born in Lowell, Washington county, Ohio, September 25, 1863, and is of German parentage, being the son of Christian and Wilhelmina (Hoffman) Wolfram. These parents came to America from Germany in 1854, and settled in Washington county, where the father, who was a tanner, conducted a tannery for thirteen years, and is still residing there, having retired from active business life. Of the eleven children born to him five are now living, named: Mrs. Adeline Baker, William H., Josephine, John and Frank H. William H. Wolf-

ram was given a good education in the common schools, and later learned the tinner's trade at Zanesville, which he followed for six years. In 1885 he embarked in the hotel business, and has since continued in that vocation, having built up an enviable reputation. August 13, 1885, Miss Emma Lorentz became his wife, and has borne him one son, William F. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wolfram are members of the German Lutheran church.

ATHENS COUNTY.

Josiah Benton Allen was born in Harrison county, Ohio, July 14, 1842. He was educated at Athens, Ohio, whither he had accompanied his parents in early childhood. He was for a time a student at DeCamp institute, in Meigs county, Ohio. July 4, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Thirtieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. In November, 1861, he was promoted to corporal, and in May, 1862, to sergeant, holding that rank at the time of his discharge, September 25, 1863, on account of wounds received at Vicksburg. He was shot while in command of Company C, during a charge on Fort Hill, and two amputations of his left arm were necessitated, and before he had recovered the shock he was taken with typhoid fever, lying in the hospital from May 22, 1863, to September 25, 1863. He participated in the battles of Carnifex Ferry, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, was with Sherman up the Yazoo River, and was in the fight before Vicksburg on the 19th, 20th and 22d of May. Returning from the war he spent three years in the Ohio university, after which he went to Maysville, Mo., and engaged in the insurance business, teaching school during the winter. After a year he returned to Athens, and in 1867 was elected recorder of Athens county by the republican party, and served for four terms of three years each. In January, 1880, he was appointed steward of the state insane asylum at Athens, and filled that office for six months. In December, 1880, he was made corporation clerk in the office of secretary of state, and occupied that position for two years, when he again took up his residence in Athens and purchased a drug store. In 1885 Mr. Allen was elected sergeant-at-arms of the sixty-seventh general assembly of the Ohio house of representatives, and at the close of his term of office was appointed recording clerk in the adjutant general's office of the state, and held the clerkship for three years. He has been a member of the council of administration of the state of Ohio of the G. A. R. In 1871 Mr. Allen espoused Miss Susan E. Racer, daughter of William P. Racer, of Marietta, Ohio. He is a member of the G. A. R., and also of Junia lodge, No. 474, I. O. O. F., of Columbus, Ohio. David Allen, father of Josiah B., was born in Newcastle, Penn., in 1819, and came to Ohio with his parents

when a child, settling in Harrison county. In 1838 he married Miss Mary J. Wilkin, by whom he had these children: Margaret J. Townsend, Josiah B., Susan C. Gist, John H., George B., William A. and Lillie Fuller. David Allen was the son of Josiah Allen, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1760. He removed to Ohio when a young man and died in that state in 1842.

William Drew Bartlett, one of the most prominent and successful hardware merchants of Athens, first saw the light in Athens county, Ohio, February 14, 1826. Leaving school at an early age he began an apprenticeship to the cabinet-makers' trade under the direction of his father. For a number of years he followed his trade, and after his father's death operated the business left by him for some time. His next business venture was made in the hardware trade, which he conducted in connection with the cabinet business. His partner in the hardware department was Somers Bartlett, with whom he remained for fifteen years. Mr. N. H. Van Vorhees then became his partner, and they were engaged in the hardware and furniture business for sixteen years. During the last few years of their partnership the furniture department was abandoned. Buying Mr. Van Vorhees' interest, Mr. Bartlett for two years conducted the concern alone, and at the expiration of that time William M. Kurtz became a member of the firm, and this partnership has since existed. William D. Bartlett, father of the above, was born in Plymouth, Mass., in 1800. He accompanied his parents to Ohio in his early youth, and settled in Hocking county. Subsequently he came to Athens and embarked in the cabinet-making business, in which he was engaged up to the time of his death in December, 1849. In 1825 he married Julia Bingham, by whom he had three children, named: William Drew, Elizabeth (deceased), and Laura Carpenter. William D. was the son of Jesse Bartlett, a native of Massachusetts. Early in the present century he emigrated to Ohio, and died in Hocking county.

Dr. Joseph S. Basom (originally spelled Basim), one of the best known dentists of Athens, was born in Carthage township, Athens county, Ohio, April 17, 1861. He was given a good scholastic training in the common and graded schools. When twenty years of age he began the study of dentistry under Dr. D. N. Allard, of Pomeroy, Ohio; subsequently entering the Indiana Dental college at Indianapolis, Ind., he was graduated therefrom in 1883; after which he returned to Coolville and opened an office for the practice of his profession, but after eighteen months removed to Athens, Ohio, and has since remained in that place, having buit up a large and constantly increasing practice. In August, 1882, he was married to Miss Maud E. Allard, daughter of his preceptor, Dr. D. N. Allard of Pomeroy. Two children have been born to them, named Ethel and Philip, both of whom

are deceased. Dr. Basom is a member of the Ohio Dental society, and a man of much skill in his calling. He is the son of Christopher Basom, who was born at Torch, Athens county, Ohio, in 1839. Miss Elizabeth Algo became his wife in 1860. She was the daughter of James Algo, of Washinton county Ohio. These children blessed this happy union, viz.: Joseph S., James M., Hester A., Chase and Emma. The mother died in 1868, in Athens county. Joseph Basom was the paternal grandfather of these children. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1810, but removed to Ohio when a young man and settled at that time in Athens county, later taking his residence in Washington county. He died in his son's home in Athens county, in September, 1889.

Samuel E. Butt was born in Nelsonville, Ohio, in April, 1857. He received a thorough course in the schools of that town, and after leaving school entered the county surveyor's office, where he remained for about one year. He then took a commercial course, and subequently became a medical student in the office of Drs. Dew and Shepard, After three years spent under their tutelage, he entered the Ohio Medical college, at Cincinnati, and was graduated therefrom in the spring of 1880. Returning to Nelsonville he opened an office, and has since continued in the practice of his chosen profession at that place. He has won an enviable name for skill, and has a large practice. Dr. Butt was happily joined in marriage to Miss Addie R. Kontner, daughter of Solomon C. Kontner, of Nelsonville, in October, 1880. Solomon E. and Charles C., are the fruit of this union. For several years Dr. Butt was the physician for the poor of York township, Athens county, and is a prominent member of Valley lodge K. of P., uniform rank. Peter M. Butt, father of Dr. S. E. Butt, was born at New Philadelphia, Penn., in 1837, and came to Nelsonville, in 1850, where in 1855 he was married to Miss Irene Butt, by whom he had two children: Viola (deceased), and Samuel E. The mother died in 1859, and the father was again married in 1864, Maria Lytle becoming his second wife. Seven children were the issue of this marriage, named: Frank C., Kate M., Harrold, Fred. C., Eugene W., Emma M. (deceased), Blanche M. (deceased), and George L. Peter Butt was the son of Samuel, a native of Ohio, where he was born in 1798. He married Emma McCune, who bore him sixteen children, of which Peter M. was the seventh. Samuel Butt died in 1849. He was the son of William Butt, who was born in Lancaster county.

John C. Campbell, the leading furniture dealer and funeral director of Athens, Ohio, was born there on May 10, 1856, and was educated in the schools of Athens county. When twenty years of age he worked on a farm and continued that occupation for five years. For three years after this he was connected with the state insane asylum at Athens, after which he embarked in

the livery business, in which he remained for about a year. At this time Mr. Campbell turned his attention to the furniture traffic, and has since been interested in this business, having built up a large and constantly increasing trade. Since he entered the furniture business seven different opponents have endeavored to compete with him, but in vain, for they have been forced to suspend and leave the city on account of the entire custom being in the possession of Mr. Campbell. In 1884 Miss Savannah Petty became his wife. She is a daugter of G. C. Petty, of Pomeroy, Ohio. One child, Edna, is the fruit of this union. Mr. Campbell is a member of the F. & A. M., and the Athenian lodge, No. 404, K. of P., and he and his wife are active and prominent communicants of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of the city council, and is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he comes in contact. His reputation as a business man is above reproach, as he is a live and energetic man, whose motto is "honesty is the best policy." By treating his customers in an honorable way, he has built up a large trade which consumes his entire attention. The father of Mr. Campbell was John C. Campbell, who was born in Pennsylvania. He came to Ohio from his native state about 1850. He was a hatter by occupation. His death occurred in 1857. In 1853 he married Miss Mary Haning, and three children were born to them: Sarah Armstrong, John C. and William (deceased). The mother died in 1866.

Edwin L. Carlton, M. D., is a native of Athens county, Ohio, where he was born November 16, 1838. His parents were John and Annie M. (Dinsmore) Carlton, both natives of the state of New Hampshire. The father was a successful farmer and mechanic who came to Ohio in 1835 and settled in Athens county, where he lived until his death in 1859, at the age of sixty-four. His wife departed this life in 1863 at the age of sixty. The grandfather of Dr. Carlton, whose name was David Carlton, served for seven years as a soldier during the Revolutionary war. John and Ann Carlton had three children, viz.: Mary P., wife of Samuel Marshal, who died in 1853, shortly after her marriage: Alva D. and the subject of our sketch. The latter began life at the age of seventeen as a school teacher. Two years later he went to the Ohio Wesleyan university for two years closing in 1860, in the sophomore class. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Thirty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry. The regiment served in Missouri, where they remained until the capture of Island No. 10, being under command of Gen. Pope. They took part in some of the principal battles of the south and southwest. Dr. Carlton was discharged in August, 1864, on account of expiration of term of service, before fully recovered from inflammatory rheumatism contracted at Resaca on the road

to Atlanta. Returning home after six weeks of severe illness he resumed the study of medicine. During his army service he had kept up his reading and obtained valuable experience by attendance in the regimental hospital. He attended the Starling Medical college at Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated June 30, 1865. After leaving college, he at once began the practice at Allensville, in Vinton county. He remained there until 1867, when he removed to Coolville, which has since been his place of abode. He has met with success in his profession and is now regarded as one of the leading practitioners of his county. In 1865 Dr. Carlton was united in matrimony with Miss Martha A. Stone, who became the mother of six children, viz.: Emma, a prominent teacher of the county; Mary, wife of C. L. Snider; John, who practices medicine in Meigs county; Clara, Grace and Kate. Mrs. Carlton died in December, 1884, aged forty-four years. In December, 1885, Dr. Carlton married Mrs. Fannie Hitchcock, of Athens county. She has three children, viz.: Anna, wife of Mr. Smith of Dubuque, Iowa; Herbert and Louis. Mrs. Carlton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a very estimable lady. The doctor is a member of the Masonic order, has been secretary of his lodge for six years and worshipful master for two terms, besides holding other minor offices. The doctor was a republican in earlier years, but has voted the prohibition ticket for twenty-one years. He is a highly esteemed citizen in all the relations of life, except in religious affairs he is known as an infidel.

Thomas Harper Craig was born September 8th, 1850, near McArthur, Vinton county, Ohio. He is the son of Thomas and Mary S. Craig, who are still living and enjoying a hale and hearty old age. Thomas Craig was born March 15th, 1803, in Washington county, Penn., and emigrated to Ohio in 1814 with his father, William Craig, settling on a farm about three miles from McArthur. In 1830 he was united in marriage to Mary S. Brown, who is the mother of the subject of our sketch, and who was born near Ithaca, Cayuga county, N. Y., June 2, 1809, and emigrated to Jackson county, Ohio, with her parents in the year 1823. Twelve children were the issue of this marriage, of whom Thomas H. is the eleventh. The others are: William, Katherine, Margaret, Olive, Phoebe, George, Sarah J., Amy R., Andrew W. and Mollie L., all living except Margaret and Olive. Little is known of the remoter history of the Brown and Craig families. Members of both were participants in the American Revolution. The ancestors of William Craig emigrated from Scotland about the middle of the last century, settling in eastern Pennsylvania in the beautiful valley of the Schuylkill, and engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. They were men of sterling Scotch virtues, staunch Presbyterians, suc-

cessful pioneers and earnest patriots. Thomas H., the subject of this sketch, began his life in much the same manner that many men of prominence have done. Until twenty years of age he remained upon his father's farm and engaged in the usual occupations and diversions of farmers's sons, receiving a rudimentary education by attendance during the winters at the district school near his home. At the age of twenty he was released from the farm life, and by his own efforts and what assistance his father could render him, set about getting an education that would fit him for a professional life. He attended the high school at Harnden and then went to Worthington seminary, which was then enjoying much popular favor as an institution of learning. It was with design of entering upon a more extended collegiate course at Ann Arbor that engaged in the preparatory work at Worthington, and was looking forward with many pleasant anticipations to what must have been a very successful college career, when an unforeseen event occurred. On the eve of his departure for Ann Arbor he was taken with a sickness which resulted in such injury to his eyes that further study for the next few years had to be abandoned. After sufficiently recovering he engaged in teaching in the district schools of Vinton county, meeting with merited success and appreciation. After four years of this work, having amassed a small capital, he embarked in the dry goods business in McArthur, in partnership with Judge George Kaler. October 3rd, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Evangeline Rannells, daughter of Joseph Watson and Charlotte (Jones) Rannells. She was born December 8th, 1852. The Rannells family was one of the first families of Washington county, Penn., formerly of Virginia, related to Gen. Samuel Blackburn, of Revolutionary fame, and has been prominent in every community where its representatives have settled. Mrs. Craig is one of a family of four children, viz.: Sarah R. Kaler, Elizabeth R. Knauss and Frank McMillen Rannells. They have two children, Florence Maud and Thomas Watson. In 1878 Mr. Craig while still in business at McArthur, was elected treasurer of Vinton county on the democratic ticket, running ahead of his ticket by several hundred votes. He was re-elected in 1880. At the close of his last term as treasurer, in the fall of 1883 he removed to Athens, again going into the dry goods business with Judge Kaler. His business career here was successful, but in 1885 he sold out his interest in the store and went upon the road as a commercial traveler. He has represented various firms, and still spends part of his time each year in this work which he finds agreeable and lucrative. In 1886 he purchased a fourth interest in the *Athens Journal* from C. I. Barker and Sen. C. S. Welch. Since then he has increased his holding in the *Journal*, and is at present the virtual sole proprie-

tor of that widely known and influential publication. Since his advent to Athens he has always been actively prominent in the councils of the county democracy, and has exerted an influence equalled by few of that party in the county which has always been overwhelmingly republican. In 1887 he was selected to make the race for probate judge, against Col. W. S. Wilson, the republican nominee. Although he made no personal effort to overcome the hopelessly heavy odds against him he received a very flattering vote. Later, in 1890, after the election of Gov. Campbell, when the reorganization of the state institutions was begun, he was pushed by his friends for the election to the position of steward of the Athens asylum. Just as it was about to be tendered him, however, the legislature passed the law which renders residents of a town ineligible to official position in a state institution located in its limits and his candidacy was dropped. He is a modest man and has sought for no political honors although a few have been thrust upon him.

Joseph Perkins Dana first saw light in Athens county, Ohio, August 27, 1846. He was given a thorough preliminary education in the schools of his native county, and subsequently entered the Ohio university, from which he was graduated in the class of 1867. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for 100 days, being stationed at Barboursville, W. Va., and Gallipolis, Ohio. After leaving college he took up the study of law, but owing to his health was obliged to abandon that profession. For seven years he was a traveling salesman for J. N. Harris & Co., of Cincinnati, and later for a year was connected with the house of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit seedsmen. In 1876 he discontinued traveling, and one year later was appointed deputy internal revenue collector for the fifteenth district, and remained in that service for two years, after which he embarked in the dry goods business at Athens, Ohio, and was thus engaged for four or five years. In 1883 Mr. Dana sold his business and retired from active commercial life. In 1888 he married Miss Nellie Bundy, daughter of William Bundy, of Athens county, Ohio, and a granddaughter of Col. R. S. Fulton. Louise Perkins Dana is the offspring of this union. Mr. Dana is a member of Paramuthia lodge, F. & A. M., Athens council, Athens chapter and commandery. He also belongs to the Columbus Golden post, No. 89, G. A. R. He is a son of Joseph M. Dana, who was born in Athens, Ohio, March 22, 1822. He was an eminent lawyer of his day, and at one time was the partner of Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor. He was married in 1845, to Miss Catharine Fitch Perkins, daughter of John Perkins, of Athens, Ohio, a native of Vermont. One child resulted from this alliance, John P. The mother died in 1848, and the father was married in 1856, to

Ann E. Caldwell, daughter of Judge A. R. Caldwell, of Urbana, Ohio, and five children blessed their marriage: Charles H. (deceased), William C. (deceased), Kate Dana Kramer, Emma K. and Joseph H. Joseph M. Dana responded to the first call for troops during the Rebellion, and in 1861 raised a company at Athens, which was assigned to the Thirteenth Ohio regiment, of which he was made captain. After three months' service the company was changed to Company C, Third Ohio, but Mr. Dana still held the rank of captain. He was offered and declined a captaincy in the regular army, and resigned altogether from the service in 1862, owing to sickness and disability contracted while in his country's defense. He was at the battle of Rich Mountain, and many other minor engagements. His sad demise occurred July 10, 1881. For fifteen years he had been clerk of the Athens county court, and for one term was treasurer of the county, and for many years was a member of, and secretary of, the board of trustees of the Ohio university. For several terms he was mayor of Athens. His father was Joseph Dana, who was born in Ipswich, Mass., June 10, 1769, but came to Ohio early in life. He was twice married, the first wife's name unknown to writer. His second wife was Ann Lyons, the mother of Joseph M. Rev. Joseph Dana was the grandfather of the last mentioned. He was born in Pomfret, Conn., November 13, 1742, and graduated from Yale college in 1760, and was subsequently, in 1801, given the degree of D. D. by Harvard college. He was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian church at Ipswich, Mass., November 5, 1765, and preached there for sixty-three years. His death occurred at the latter place, November 16, 1827, aged eighty-five years. His father was Joseph Dana, of Pomfret, Conn., where he was born in 1700; he died in Lebanon, N. H. His father was Richard Dana, a native of France and a Huguenot. He fled to England in 1629, and emigrated thence to America, in 1640, settling at Cambridge, Mass. He died in that place April 2, 1690, leaving four sons: Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin and Daniel. The subject of this sketch is directly descended from Benjamin Dana, the third son of Richard.

Charles W. Dowler was born in Waterloo township, Athens county, Ohio, October 22, 1848. His early education was derived from the common schools of his native township. When twenty years of age he left school and devoted his entire attention to the discharge of his duties on his father's farm, where he remaied until his twenty-fourth year. At that time Mr. Dowler came to Nelsonville, and for several years was engaged in coal mining at this place. In 1874 he embarked in the grocery business, and has succeeded in building up a large trade in that line. He is respected as one of the substantial business men of the community. On the first day of January, 1870, he was happily

married to Miss Sarah N. Creighton, daughter of Simon Creighton, of Nelsonville, Ohio. Their three children are: Minnie B., deceased, Mattie and Guy M. Mr. Dowler is the son of Arthur Dowler, a Pennsylvanian by birth, having first seen the light in 1817. He came to Ohio with his parents while in his youth, and first located in Canaan township, Athens county, later removing to Waterloo township. He was a farmer by occupation. His marriage to Frances Fierce in 1843 resulted in the birth of these children: John H., Ann E., Jones, Charles W., George, Marion, James, Frances Brandenburg, deceased, and Jane Pidcock, deceased. Arthur Dowler was a member of the Ohio National Guards, and served in that organization during the Morgan raids. He was the son of John Dowler, who was born in Pennsylvania. At an early date he took up his home in Ohio. He died in 1865.

Rev. Henry Fulton, one of the distinguished divines of Athens county, was born in Homer, Licking county, Ohio, November 18, 1833. He was graduated from Dennison university, of Granville, Ohio, in 1859, and then entered the Western Theological seminary at Allegheny City, Penn., where he was graduated in 1862. He was given the degrees of A. B. and A. M. by Dennison university. In April, 1862, he was licensed to preach in the Presbyterian church, and was ordained in June, 1864, at McConnellsville, Ohio, by the Zanesville Presbytery. His first pastoral charge was at Duncan Falls, Ohio, where he was stationed in 1864. Six years later he was called to West Newton, Penn., where he remained until 1875. From 1875 to 1878, he was forced to retire from the pulpit on account of ill health, and was made principal of Verona academy, of Allegheny county, Penn. In the latter part of 1878, he filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, at Millersburg, Ohio, and remained there until 1883, when he removed to Lexington, Ohio, and was engaged in his ministerial duties there until 1888. In January, 1889, Nelsonville became his home and the scene of his labors. June 5, 1866, Mary G. Hunter, daughter of Robert W. Hunter, of Newark, Ohio, became his wife, and two children are the happy issue of this marriage, viz.: Harry H., born August 24, 1869, and Wilma. Mr. Fulton is a member of the Blue lodge and chapter, F. & A. M. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Old School general assembly of the Presbyterian church, representing the Zanesville, Ohio, Presbytery, held at Albany, N. Y.; and was also a representative of the Wooster, Ohio. Presbytery, in the general assembly, held at Omaha, Neb., in 1887. Robert Fulton was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1795, but removed to Ohio in early manhood, settling in Licking county. He was married in Licking county, June 16, 1832, to Elizabeth Crow, and to them seven children were born: Margaret (deceased), Henry, Nancy

Hendren, John (deceased), Rebecca Ross, Robert S. and William P. The father was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the most respected residents of Licking county. He died in 1875, his wife having passed to her reward in 1848. Robert Fulton was an elder in the Presbyterian church at Homer, Ohio, for a great many years. He was the son of Robert Fulton, a native of the Emerald Isle, and came to America when a young man, and settled in Westmoreland county, Penn. He was a loyal soldier in the Revolution, and died in 1820.

Hon. Charles Henry Grosvenor. For many years past the above mentioned gentleman has been a distinguished and notable figure in Ohio politics, and has achieved a fame that extends beyond the confines of his native state. His career has covered the field both of soldier and statesman, and whether in civil or military life, his discharge of duty to country and honorable devotion to party have been equally conspicuous. The birth of the future general and publicist took place at Pomfret, Windham county, Conn., September 20, 1833. His grandfather was Col. Thomas Grosvenor, who commanded the Second Connecticut regiment during the Revolutionary war. He was a soldier of ability as well as bravery and enjoyed the honor of being a member for a while of the staff of the great Washington, founder of the American republic and model patriot of the world. The father of Gen. Grosvenor was Peter Grosvenor, who served as major of the Twelfth Connecticut regiment in the war of 1812. In May, 1838, Maj. Grosvenor carried his infant son Charles to Ohio, but there was no school-house near where he settled until he was fourteen years old. Thereafter he attended a few terms in a country log school-house in Athens county, Ohio. Ann Chase, the mother of Charles Grosvenor, was an educated lady and possessed many sterling traits of character. It was to her tender care and wise advice that her distinguished son owed much of his future success. Young Grosvenor's first business venture was school teaching in his neighborhood. He started poor, a condition which many eminent men have pronounced a blessing in disguise rather than a misfortune, as it stimulates to endeavor and makes work a necessity. During the intervals of school teaching, young Grosvenor studied law and by 1857 had qualified himself for admission into that profession, which has been the stepping stone for most of those who have made distinguished figures in American public life, and which he was destined so greatly to adorn. In the year mentioned, Mr. Grosvenor was admitted to the bar at Athens, Ohio, and immediately entered into active practice which proved profitable, much more rapidly than is usual with the legal neophyte. His first position in the nature of an office was as chairman of the executive committee of the Ohio Bar association, which he held from its or-

ganization for many years. As a lawyer Mr. Grosvenor was painstaking, argumentative and eloquent, being especially famous for his skill in influencing juries. The breaking out of the Civil war afforded the rising attorney an opportunity to display his patriotism as well as his ability and bravery. He availed himself of it quickly by enlisting in the Eighteenth Ohio volunteers with which he served from July, 1861, to November, 1865. He speedily gained attention as a dashing soldier and his promotion was rapid through the grades of major, lieutenant colonel and brevet brigadier general of volunteers, commanding a brigade at the battle of Nashville, in December, 1864. His recommendation for promotion in the army by Gen. Steedman was endorsed as follows by Gen. Thomas: "Col. Grosvenor has served under my command and has on all occasions performed his duty with intelligence and zeal." In early life Gen. Grosvenor held various township and village offices. He was a member of the Ohio house of representatives in 1874-78, serving as speaker of that body for two years. In 1872 he was presidential elector for the fifteenth district of Ohio and was chosen to carry the electoral vote of the state to Washington. In 1880 he was presidential elector at large and made a brilliant canvass of the state for his friend, Gen. Garfield. During the exciting campaign of 1879 in Maine, Gen. Grosvenor was invited to take part, and canvassed the state with great effect. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia, from April, 1880, till 1888, and president of the board for five years. Gen. Grosvenor was elected to the forty-ninth and fiftieth congresses, and was re-elected to the fifty-first congress as a republican. His congressional career has been distinguished for fidelity in the performance of public duties and for marked ability in legislation. He has taken an active part in the discussion of all important questions and speedily rose to the rank of one of the ablest debators on the floor. He has served on several of the most prominent committees in congress and has been instrumental in shaping much legislation of the highest importance. As an orator Gen. Grosvenor has few superiors, being equally effective at the bar, in the forum and legislative halls. Gen. Grosvenor was twice married, his first wife being Miss Samantha Stewart, by whom he had one child, a daughter. The mother dying, the general subsequently married Miss Louise H. Currier, which union resulted in the birth of two daughters. Socially the family enjoys the highest rank, Gen. Grosvenor being as highly esteemed for the geniality of his private intercourse as for the genius which achieved distinction both in the forum and the field.

Robert W. Hansen, A. M., M. D., one of the leading physi-

cians of Athens county, was born in Hocking county, near Logan, Ohio, June 24, 1860. He obtained his preliminary education in the Logan schools, from which he graduated in 1880. He then entered Columbus Medical college, of Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated in 1886, and in addition to this was given the degree of master of arts, by the Northern Illinois college. Having obtained his medical degree, Dr. Hansen took up his residence in Nelsonville, Ohio, and has since remained there, having met with flattering success in his profession. He is a member of Philodorean lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M.; of Valley lodge, No. 169, K. of P., of which he is past chancellor and district deputy, and he is also a member of George H. Thomas Camp No. 15, Sons of Veterans; Washington camp, No. 5, P. O. S. of A., as well as a member of Logan lodge, A. O. U. W., and Perseverance lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, of which he is medical examiner, and is a medical examiner for the Northwestern Life Insurance company, of Milwaukee; the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company, of Newark, N. J.; the Mutual Life Insurance company, of New York, and the Endowment rank of K. P. Dr. Hansen was married September 20, 1882, to Miss Emma H. Rochester, daughter of Joseph H. Rochester, one of the pioneer business men of Logan, Ohio. Robert Rochester Hansen is the child of this union. John Hansen, the doctor's father, is a prominent attorney of Logan, and senior member of the law firm of Hansen & Smith. He was born December 8, 1838, and at the age of seventeen years began active life by teaching school, and for nineteen years was thus engaged at different times. October 5, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Fifty-eighth regiment, Ohio Volunteer infantry, with the rank of sergeant. In July, 1863, he was made first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster, serving in that capacity at the time of his discharge, January, 1865. He took a soldier's part in the battles of Shiloh, Fort Donelson, Vicksburg, Pt. Henderson, Simsport, and numerous other engagements. Returning from the war he began to teach school, meanwhile devoting his spare moments to the study of law, and was admitted to the bar by the district court at Logan, Ohio, December, 1879. In 1875, he was elected clerk of the courts of Hocking county, and served two terms of three years each, and has filled various other responsible and honorable offices. His marriage to Miss Mary M. McBroon was solemnized September 18, 1858, and these children have been born to them: Robert W., Eudora V., now wife of Rev. Dr. W. E. Shinn, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles M., Homer A., Pearl C. (deceased), Jennie V. and John E. The paternal grandfather of these children was Samuel C. Hansen, who was born in England in 1801, and came to America in 1823, at which time he settled in Nelsonville, Ohio. Subsequently he moved to Hocking county, Ohio, where

he died in 1885. He was the father of eight children. His father was George Hansen, who was a ship builder on the Isle of Wight in England.

Wesley C. Hickman was born in Knox county, Ohio, December 30, 1832, and received his early scholastic training in the schools of Knox and Perry counties, his parents having removed to the latter county when he was ten years of age. Soon after his removal to Perry county he began to learn the printer's trade in the office of the *Flag of '76*. In 1851 he took up the study of law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar of Perry county, Ohio, in 1853. From 1851 to 1852 he was part owner of the *Perry County Democrat*. For some years after this he was engaged in the practice of law, but subsequently took the editorial charge of the *Somerset* (Ohio) *Review*, which he retained for a year. At this time, going to Cincinnati, he worked at the printer's trade until April 20, 1861, when he enlisted in a company composed of printers, and called the Franklin guards, which was assigned to the Fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and known as Company I. Mr. Hickman served in this company until September 1, 1863, when he was transferred to the invalid corps on account of failing health, and remained there until September 28, 1863, when he deserted from the invalid corps and rejoined his company, and with it participated in the battle of Lookout Mountain, but was arrested December 22, 1863, and charged with desertion; but when the fact became known that he had deserted to the front, his honorable acquittal was forthcoming. His final honorable discharge from the service was received June 20, 1864, he having held the offices of corporal and sergeant of the company. Leaving the army, Mr. Hickman located at New Lexington, Ohio, and was engaged in the practice of law at that place until 1867, when he removed to Nelsonville and opened a drug store which he operated until 1873. Since the latter year he has been in active practice in this city. For twelve years he has held the office of justice of the peace, and for two years was mayor of Nelsonville, from 1888–90. For a time he was clerk of the county courts of Perry county, Ohio. Mr. Hickman is a prominent member of the Philodorean lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M., chapter and council. In 1855, Miss Catherine M. Porter became his wife and bore him two children (twins), named: James Robert and Catharine M. (deceased). The mother died in March, 1856, and in September, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate Hunt, and six children resulted from the union: Paul (deceased), Kate, Anna (deceased), Fletcher (deceased), John M. and Samuel (deceased). Robert F. Hickman was born in Chester county, Penn., in 1807, and removed to Ohio in 1819, at which time he located in Knox county, and in 1842 removed to Perry county, Ohio, where he resided at the time of his death, Aug-

ust 16, 1878. In 1829 he married Harriet Nichols, by whom he had seven children: Mary (deceased), Wesley C., Sarah (deceased), Robert F. (deceased), Emma Keeler, Willis G. and Thomas N. The mother died in November, 1842. The paternal grandfather of these last mentioned children was Thomas Hickman, a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1781, and died in 1860. His father was Benjamin Hickman, also a Pennsylvanian. He was born in 1745 and died in 1826.

Samuel Naylor Hobson was born near Richmond, Jefferson Co., Ohio, April 5, 1833. When he was a child his parents removed to Smithfield, Ohio, and it was in the latter place that he received his early schooling, later he attended a Quaker seminary at Mount Pleasant. At eighteen years of age he became a teacher, and continued in that vocation for ten years. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, as first sergeant, and held that rank at the time of his discharge, September 14, 1864. He served in the trenches between Richmond and Petersburg, and along the James river. Returning from the army, he was elected surveyor of Washington county, but was compelled to resign owing to injuries received while in the service of his country. For a few months he was engaged as a bookkeeper for a Cincinnati house, and then located at Beverly, Ohio, where he held a clerkship for six years, after which he embarked in the mercantile business at Joy, Morgan Co., Ohio, where he lived for four years. In 1877, Guysville, Athens county, became his home, and for three years he conducted a general store there for D. B. Stewart. For five years he operated a store at Stewart, Ohio, for the same man, and at the expiration of that time came to Athens and engaged in the real estate business, and was also largely interested in setling up estates. At this time he is an assistant in the First National Bank of Athens. In November, 1853, Mr. Hobson was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Heald, daughter of Joseph Heald, of Columbiana county, Ohio, and three children were born to them: Mariana Lovell, Adeliza Lovell and Rebecca Estella. Mr. Hobson is a member of the G. A. R., and also of Athens commandery, No. 15, K. T., and Athens chapter and council of the same order. John Hobson, his father, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, August 25, 1808, and was married in 1832 to Rebecca Naylor, by whom he had seven children: Samuel N., Belinda H. Fowler, Mary A. (deceased), Phœbe W. Fowler, Charles (deceased), Thomas C. (died a prisoner of war in Danville prison, member of Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth volunteer infantry), and Rebecca J. Ellis. The paternal grandfather was John Hobson, born in Pennsylvania, and came to Jefferson county, Ohio, with his parents. He died in 1850. His father was Joseph Hobson, a native of Pennsylvania.

John H. E. Howe was born in Nelsonville, Ohio, October 16, 1836, where he received his early education. When sixteen he entered his father's cabinet shop and learned the trade. After working for his father for a few years he was taken into the business, the partnership lasting for four years. He then went into the house painting business, and was thus occupied until 1870. In 1874 he took charge of the Lick Run Coal company, which position he held for one year. His next venture was made in the house decorating and building business. In the year 1884 he embarked in the meat business and still continues in that trade. October 14, 1858, his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones, of Hocking county, was solemnized, and eight children have come to bless their union, named as follows: John R., Samuel M., Mary Elizabeth G., Hiram E., Joseph W., Jessie Sarah B. (deceased), Celia Celestia and Geneva Gustava. Mr. Howe enlisted in Company —, ——— regiment, Ohio National Guard, but was soon after honorably discharged on account of disability. He has been a member of the Nelsonville council for one term, and both he and wife are acceptable communicants of the Presbyterian church. His father was John R. Howe, who was born in Augusta, Ky., January 1st, 1810. He came to Ohio with his parents in 1817, and settled in Athens county, Ohio. When eighteen years of age he began learning the cabinet-maker's trade. He retired from active life in 1875, having been a cabinet-maker and undertaker during his commercial career. September 15, 1832, he married Elizabeth Nelson, daughter of Daniel Nelson, and five children were born to them: James E., John H. E., Louisa (deceased), Sarah E. Burll and Joseph T. The mother died in April, 1884, aged seventy-four years. Mr. Howe has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1827, and is now a member in good standing, having always taken an active part in religious work. He is the son of John R. Howe, who was born in Massachusetts in 1780. He was a surgeon in the army during the war of 1812, and a man of fine education and great skill in his profession. He was married in 1804 to Oril Fuller, who bore him six children: Caroline Skyles, Oliver (deceased) John R., Louisa (deceased), Oril Everett and James F. He died in 1820, and his wife followed him to the grave in 1855. His father was May Howe, a native of England. He came to America in his early manhood, and it is from him that the American branch of the family is descended. Among his descendants are Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine, and others who were inventors of note and manufacturers on a large scale. John H. E. Howe, the subject of this mention, is a man of much business ability, and is held in the highest esteem by the community at large. He is a Master

Mason, and has filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge of the I. O. O. F., and also of the encampment.

Charles E. M. Jennings was born March 9, 1837, at Catawissa, Penn., and came to Ohio with his parents in the same year, locating in Fairfield county, where he lived on his father's farm until his fifteenth year. In 1852 he learned the printer's trade in the office of the Lancaster (Ohio) *Gazette*, and in 1857 went to Logan, Ohio, where he assumed the editorial charge of the *Hocking Valley Republican*. During the war he was chief clerk to the provost marshal general of Ohio, serving with Col. E. A. Parrott of the First Ohio infantry, and Col. Joseph H. Potter of the regular army. For some time after the war Mr. Jennings was the Columbus (Ohio) correspondent of the *Cincinnati Gazette*, but relinquished that position in 1868, when he purchased the Athens (Ohio) *Messenger*. Mr. Jennings's professional career has been marked by unswerving adherence to the true principles of journalism. Early in his career he formed definite rules of action. Ever a true and efficient exponent of the tenets of the republican party, he has made his paper a power in the political world. He is a man of extraordinary ability and tenacity of purpose. In 1863 he was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Rachel E. Jennings, daughter of Col. Eli F. Jennings, of Columbus, Ohio, and five children have been born into their cultured home: Charles L. (deceased), Vernon C. (deceased), Robert B., Mary G. and Ralph P. Mr. Jennings is a prominent member of the Masonic order, with the Knights Templar degree. David Jennings, father of the above mentioned, was born in the state of Pennsylvania, September 4, 1804, and came to Ohio in 1837, settling in Fairfield county. He was married in 1833 to Mary Parker, who bore him two children, named: Charles E. M. and Sarah E. Brashears (deceased). David was the son of Charles Jennings, also a native of Pennsylvania.

Charles Franklin Junkermann, M.D., surgeon and homœopathic physician, was born at Sugar Grove, Fairfield Co., Ohio, January 12, 1862. At the age of nineteen he left school and learned telegraphy. He entered the employ of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railroad company, and was connected with them from 1881 to 1888. During the last four years of his employment by this company, he divided his time equally between the road and his medical studies, he having matriculated at the Columbus Medical college, and in 1889 he was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical college and hospital of Chicago, Ill. At this time he located at Nelsonville, Ohio, where he opened an office. He is rapidly coming to the front as a physician of much skill, and if life and health be spared him, no doubt has a bright career

before him in his chosen profession. Dr. Junkermann is a member of the Patriotic Sons of America, Washington camp, No. 5, and Hockhocking lodge, No. 339, I. O. O. F., and is a communicant of the German Lutheran church. On the 20th of May, 1886, Miss Lizzie E. Welch, daughter of Capt. John F. Welch, became his wife, and two children, Anna F. and Charles F., Jr., are the fruits of this marriage. Charles Henry Junkermann, was born in Mengeringhausen, Waldeck, Europe, May 7th, 1809. In 1838 he emigrated to the United States and settled at Philadelphia, Penn. He was married in 1841 to Miss Mary Shaffer, who was born in Salem, Lucerne Co., Penn., March 15, 1822, and thirteen children were born to them: Frederick William (deceased), Lucy Catherine Ruble, Jacob, Matilda Bowers, Hattie Rudolph, Mary Clemintine Sharp, Rosa Elizabeth (deceased), Henry William Lewis (deceased), Adelaide A., George Edward, Charles Franklin, Sarah Alma, Clara Ellen. The father was a tanner by trade, and after leaving Philadelphia in the year 1841, he settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, where he lived at the time of his demise, October 10, 1874. His wife died May 14, 1878.

Frederick Lewis Junod, one of the leading agriculturists of Athens county, was born in that county January 30, 1832. He remained on the home farm with his mother until 1867, and then purchased a farm in Dover township, Athens county, where he now resides. He has filled many prominent and responsible public offices, among which may be mentioned trustee of Ames township, justice of the peace of the same township for a number of years; has been a member of the board of education of Ames and Dover townships, and also served as a trustee of Dover township. In 1880 he was elected a director of the Athens County Infirmary. November 30, 1852, Mr. Junod married Miss Lydia A. Stephenson, and ten children blessed this union, named: Frank, Herbert, Lena Brown, Effie Dorr, William G., Addie, George, Dwight, Elton, and Frederick, deceased. William G. Junod is now the editor and proprietor of the *Athens Herald.* Frederick L. Junod was the son of Frederick Junod, who was born in Neuchetel, Switzerland, and when a young man came to America and settled in Athens county, Ohio, where he died in 1855. He was one of a Swiss colony that emigrated from their native land, and was a prominent and wealthy man.

Maurus Kaelin, Jr.—Among the leading and enterprising business men of Nelsonville, may be found the name of the subject of this biographical mention. Mr. Kaelin was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 10, 1860. At the age of sixteen he left school and entered the employ of his father, who was a lithographer. In 1876 he began an apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade, and after four years spent in mastering the details of this art, he

came to Nelsonville, Ohio, and secured a position in the jewelry establishment of C. E. Poston, with whom he remained for five years, after which, September 19, 1885, he opened a store of his own. He has built up a large trade in this line, and has the reputation for much business ability and for strict integrity. Mr. Kaelin's father, for whom he was named, was born in Switzerland, in 1828. About the year 1852 he emigrated to this country and settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he now lives. He is one of the oldest and best lithographers of that city. Three years after his coming to this country, in the year 1855, he was married to Miss Augusta Dieringer, a native of Germany. Their children are named as follows: George W., Charles S., Maurus, Benjamin and August.

Robert C. McManigal, a leading citizen of Nelsonville, was born in Milroy, Mifflin county, Penn., August 26, 1862. Having attended the public schools of his native town until his fifteenth year, Mr. McManigal then entered the office of the Akron Iron company, at Buchtel, Ohio, and remained in the employ of that company for two years, after which he went to Orbiston, Hocking county, Ohio, and remained there for two years. At this time he removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he secured the position of book-keeper for the Columbus and Hocking coal and iron company. After filling this office for two years he returned to Buchtel as the cashier of the latter concern, and held that responsible position for three years. Leaving the employ of the company at the expiration of the time last mentioned, Mr. McManigal took up his residence at Nelsonville and embarked in the boot and shoe business, and is still engaged in that trade. William J. McManigal, father of our subject, was born in Pennsyluania, in 1840. For a number of years he was a hardware merchant at Milroy, Penn., but in 1877 came to Ohio, and located at Buchtel, moving thence two years later to Orbiston, where he now resides. He is the superintendent of the Ohio and Western coal and iron company. In 1859, Miss Martha J., daughter of Rev. Samuel Lawrence, of Lewiston, Penn., became, his wife, and six children have been born to them as follows: Edwin F., Robert C., Sallie F. (deceased), Lizzie M., Mary G., and Samuel L. The father of these children was the son of Robert McManigal, who was also a Pennsylvanian, having been born in 18—. He died at Milroy, Penn., in 1860.

John F. McNerney, the prominent grocer of Nelsonville, was born in Sonora, Muskingum county, Ohio, April 20, 1863. He was given exceptional educational advantages in the Zanesville schools, and in 1876, went to Alvin, Ind., where he remained for three months, removing thence to Columbus, Ohio. Arriving in the latter city with nothing but a determined will, and the clothes on his back, he entered the employ of the Sciota

Valley railroad, with whom he remained during the summer months, and saved enough to help him gain a more extended education during the winter season. In the spring of 1878 he came to Nelsonville, and for twelve years was connected with the Hocking Valley railroad at that place. At the expiration of that time Mr. McNerney embarked in the grocery business with David Hoodlett, and has since continued in that trade with gratifying success. September 3, 1882, Mr. McNerney was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Hoodlett, daughter of Jacob J. Hoodlett, of this place. One son, P. J. McNerney, is the happy issue of this marriage. Mr. John F. McNerney is one of the most respected and prominent citizens of Nelsonville. He is the author of his own fortunes, and has worked long and earnestly to achieve the standing which he now enjoys in the community, both as an energetic, successful business man, and as a citizen of enterprise and unswerving uprightness. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His father was Peter McNerney, a native of Limerick, Ireland, where he was born in 1840. He came to America with his parents when a child, and settled at Cambridge, Guernsey county, Ohio. He was married in 1862, to Miss —— Neavel, and these children were born to them: John F., Peter J., Mamie (deceased), Kate (deceased), and Dennis (deceased). The mother died in 1865, at Kirkersville, Ohio. Peter McNerney was the son of Peter, a Scotchman by birth. He came to America in 1840, and died in this country in 1875.

Charles H. Mintun, a prominent citizen of Athens, was born in Nelsonville, Athens county, Ohio, June 28, 1855. When sixteen years of age he secured a clerkship in the postoffice of his native town and held that position for three years, after which he entered the employ of W. B. Brooks & Son, as assistant bookkeeper, and after remaining with them for two years came to Athens and became deputy clerk of the probate court. Having held the latter place for six years Mr. Mintun then embarked in the grocery business and was engaged in that trade until 1885, when he was elected a justice of the peace. In 1888, he again received the election to that office and still holds it. He is also engaged in the insurance and real estate business in connection with this public office. In the spring of 1890 the people chose him for mayor of Athens for a term of two years. In the spring of 1877, Mr. Mintun was married to Miss Emma C. Moore, daughter of Mahlon Moore, of this place, and three children have blessed their union, named: Ella, Nancy H. and Thomas L. Mr. Mintun is a member of Serena lodge, No. 479, I. O. O. F., and Athens encampment, No. 175, I. O. O. F., and Permuthia Lodge, F. & A. M., also Athens chapter, council and commandery, No. 15, K. T. Mr. Mintun is the son of Thomas L. Mintun, Virginian by birth, having been born in the western portion of that

state in 1809, and came to Ohio with his parents in his boyhood. They settled in what is known as Wolf's Plains, Athens county. He was married in 1830 to Miss Nancy Herrold, to them were born thirteen children. The father of these children, who was a carpenter by trade, died November 24, 1887, his wife having died August 26, 1878. John A. Mintun was the father of Thomas L. He was born near Philadelphia, and came to Ohio about the year 1810. He was a farmer. His demise occurred in 1864.

Augustus Norton was born in Athens, Ohio, December 19, 1837. He was educated in the public schools and later at the Ohio university. When seventeen years of age he entered his father's mercantile business, and in 1858 was taken into the firm, the partnership lasting until May, 1861, at which time he enlisted in Company F, First Virginia cavalry, and two months later was elected first lieutenant of the company. In July, 1862, he resigned and returned home, soon after Gov. Tod sent him a commission to organize a company, which was called Company I, Seventh Ohio cavalry, of which he was made captain. In January, 1863, he was commissioned major of the Seventh Ohio cavalry, and held that rank when honorably discharged on account of serious injuries. He was in the battles of Winchester, Port Republic, Culpepper Court House in Virginia, Mount Sterling and Somerset, Ky., and with Burnside at the siege of Knoxville and the engagement at Cumberland Gap, Strawberry Plain, Danbridge, and numerous other engagements and skirmishes in east Tennessee. After the war he again formed a partnership with his father, and in 1868, purchased his father's interest. Two years later he sold out his store, owing to serious trouble from the injury received during the war, and turned his attention to agriculture, although unable to work, hoping the change and rest would in some degree restore health, in which he was engaged until 1879, when he was made president of the First National bank, of Athens, Ohio, which position he has since filled. He is a member of the city council and also of the board of education. In March, 1866, Mr. Norton was married to Miss Sarah W. Putnam, daughter of George Putnam, of Athens county, Ohio. The children of this happy union are: Putnam (deceased), Frankie J., Wyatt Parker, Alberta S., Augustus J., Alice, Willey H., Adele and Erle. Mr. Norton is a Mason. He is one of the leading business men of Athens, and his name is held in the highest respect wherever known. He is a man of much ability and of unswerving integrity. Joseph Hull Norton, his father, was born in Cortland county, N. Y., in 1808, and in 1829, removed to Ohio, at which time he settled at Athens. He was married in 1834 to Miss Rossanna Johnson, and four children were born to them: Louise (deceased), Augustus, Sarah M. Higby and

Julia F. The father died August 25, 1888, and the mother in 1882. James Norton, father of Joseph, was a native of Connecticut. He died in New York state.

Isaac P. Primrose, M. D., was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, October 18, 1831, and obtained his preliminary education in the schools of his native town. Leaving his father's farm at the age of nineteen, he became a student in a select school in Perry county, Ohio, where he remained for three years, meantime teaching school whenever an opportunity was afforded. After this he turned his attention to agriculture and diversified this pursuit with teaching until his twenty-fifth year, when he commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. N. D. Hufford, of Straitsville, Ohio, with whom he remained for three years as a student, and then entered into partnership with him. August 6, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-first regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, being mustered in as a private, but the next day was elected second lieutenant of the company. In February, 1862, he was promoted to the first lieutenancy of the same company, and held that rank at the time of his resignation November 7, 1862. He served in the battles of Logan's Cross Roads, Ky., Corinth, Perryville, and numerous other engagements of minor importance. Leaving the army he returned to Nelsonville and organized an independent company at that place, of which he was made captain. The company was assigned to the Thirty-sixth regiment Ohio National Guard, and was called Company A. At this time he was elected colonel of the Thirty-sixth regiment, and served in that capacity until 1865. While not engaged in military duty during this time, Dr. Primrose had been practicing his profession at Nelsonville, and he has since been actively and successfully engaged in his chosen profession. In 1883 and 1884 he represented Athens county in the state legislature; he has been a member of the city council for two terms and a member of the board of education one term. He is a member of the Philodorean lodge, F. & A. M., also the chapter at Logan and Athens commandery, and also of the I. O. O. F., and a prominent member of the Athens County Medical society, and the State Medical society. April 27, 1852, he was joined in marriage to Miss Jane H. Harbaugh, daughter of Leonard Harbaugh, of Perry county, Ohio, and six children are the fruit of this union: Hester A. Coleman, Sallie A. Alderman, Addie C. Primrose, Binnie L. Hill, Loving L. Primrose and Blanchie H. Dr. Primrose is the son Reuben H. Primrose, who was born at Dover, Dela., in 1794, and came to Ohio in 1828, settling at Uniontown, Perry county, where he was engaged in farming. In 1829 he married Hester Ann Cannon, by whom he had these children: Isaac P., Alice A. (deceased), Hannah C. Spurrier (deceased), Jemima J. Jennings, Lydia C. Tucker, Victoria Sanders and

John W. The father died in 1887, and the mother in 1853. John Primrose, the paternal grandfather of these children, was born in England in 1763. He accompanied his parents to America when a mere youth. During the Revolutionary war he was a messenger for the American army, and was at one time in the private messenger service of Gen. Washington. His father, Thomas Primrose, was a loyal soldier in the American army. John Primrose died in 1828.

One of Nelsonville's most respected citizens is Thomas Raybould, who was born in 1843, in England. Until September, 1869, he worked in the coal mines of his native land, but in the latter year came to this country and located in Bradford county, Penn., where he remained for about three months, after which he removed to Stoneborough, Mercer county, Penn., and remained there from November, 1869, to October, 1872, when he settled at Straitsville, Ohio, October 25, 1872, being the date of his arrival in that place. He purchased considerable property in the latter place and embarked in the general mercantile business, but May 21, 1890, he came to Nelsonville, Ohio, and in connection with his brothers opened a large dry goods and general mercantile establishment. The firm also owns a large coal bank, which is being rapidly developed. Mr. Raybould was married, in 1866, to Rosanna Lashford, daughter of Edward Lashford, a native of Worcestershire, England, and to them two children have been born, named Louisa and Alice. Mr. Raybould is a member of Straitsville lodge, No. 223, K. of P. His father's name was William, who was born in England in 1815, and came to America in 1871, but only remained for six months, after which he returned to his native land, and died there in 1882. In 1841 he married Anna Fry, by whom he had six children: Thomas, William, Benjamin, deceased, Samual, David and Emma. The father was superintendent of coal mines in Staffordshire, England, and later at Worcestershire. He retired from active life at the age of sixty-four years, and passed the remainder of his days in rest and peace. His wife is still living in England, at the age of sixty-nine years. She finds a happy home with her daughter. William Raybould's father was born in England, where he died.

Francis Marion Shugert was born in Lancaster, Fairfield, county, Ohio, January 26, 1859. At the age of eighteen years he left school and entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company, with which he learned telegraphy. In 1877 he became an employe in the Lancaster office of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railroad and has since been connected with that company. In 1880 he was made a freight and ticket agent and has served the company in that capacity at different points. In 1887 he was stationed at Buchtel, Athens county,

Ohio, where he has since remained in charge. Mr. Shugert is a member of Philodorean lodge 57, F. & A. M., and also of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, camp 3, having been president of the latter order for one term. June 25, 1884, he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of George Rice, of Ashland, Ky., and four children have been born to them as follows: Arthur, Carl, Alta, Gail, and one child who died in early infancy. Mr. Shugert is descended from an old American family. Members of it have served their country in hours of peril with honor and faithfulness. His father is Riley G. Shugert, who was born in Hagerstown, Md., November 26, 1825. He settled at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1835. In 1848 he espoused Miss Julia Wilcox, who has borne him eight children: Clara Crandell, Edward (deceased), Horace (deceased), Lizzie Ucker, Letitia (deceased), Francis M., Ralph L. and Grace M. Mr. R. G. Shugert is also connected with the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railroad, and resides at Buchtel. He is the son of William Shugert, who was born in Virginia, in 1791, and came to Ohio about 1827. He died in the latter year in Montgomery county, Ohio. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1813 he married Mary Binchley, by whom he had six children: George F., William, Robert, Mary Pierce, John A. (deceased) and Riley G. His wife passed to her reward in 1843. William Shugert, was the son of William, a native of Virginia, where he was born in 1750. He died at Hagerstown, Md., in 1832. He served in the war for American independence. His wife was Margaret (Grimm) Shugert, who was also a native of Virginia.

Addo C. Snyder was born in Athens county, Ohio, Troy township, March 8, 1860. At the age of ten years he went to Volcano, W. Va., where for one year he attended school, and while there also learned the art of handling and running engines. At the expiration of the time mentioned, he went to Butler, Penn., and secured a position as engineer of an oil well. After two years spent in the latter place, he came to Meigs county, Ohio, and for two years attended school at the Tupper's Plains seminary, after which he entered the employ of Seldon McGerr at Little Hocking, Ohio. After eight months spent in working in the planing-mill of Mr. McGerr, he worked on a farm in Athens county, and then, at the expiration of a year, removed to Floodwood, Ohio, where he was engaged in the house painting business. In 1882 Mr. Snyder came to Nelsonville, and for two years was engaged in painting. At this time he took charge of the Nelsonville planing mill, which business he is now engaged in. He is a member of Unity lodge, No. 568, I.O.O.F., of which he is past grand. March 5, 1884, he formed a happy marriage alliance with Miss Emma May Poston, daughter of Ashford Poston, and four children are the happy result of this union, named: Arthur P.,

Ettie D., Emmett A., and Mary C. (deceased). David Snyder, father of the above, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1823. In 1844 he married Miss Mary Elderd, daughter of Israel Elderd, of Jefferson county, Ohio, where she was born November 28, 1824. Their children are: Samantha A. Core, Addie C. Core, Ettie L. Morrison, Antoinette (deceased), Leroy David (deceased), Elderd (deceased), Anna Mary (deceased), and an infant son, deceased. The parents are still living. Mr. Snyder is engaged in the furniture business at Allegheny City, Penn. Israel Elderd, the maternal grandfather, was born on Long Island, February 20, 1801, from whence he moved to Jefferson county, Ohio. His wife was Ann McMillen, born August 30, 1796, in Chester county, Penn. She was of Scotch-Irish descent. He died July 4, 1870, and his wife on June 7, 1878. The paternal grandfather, Michael Snyder, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, October 1, 1786, and was a drummer boy in the war of 1812. Ann Purkey Pile, his wife, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, February 17, 1796. They were both of German descent, and were married June 15, 1815. He died February 21, 1859, and his wife in December, 1877.

Charles William Super was born in Pottsville, Penn., September 12, 1842. He was graduated from Dickinson college, at Carlisle, Penn., in the class of 1866. Three years later he went to Tuebingen, Germany, and remained there until 1871, as a student in the celebrated university at that place, the greater part of that time having been devoted to the study of philology. On his return to America he was for one year engaged in teaching at Frederica, Dela., and in 1872 went to Cincinnati, Ohio. From the latter year to 1878, he was professor of Languages in the Wesleyan college of that city. At the expiration of this time Prof. Super took a year's vacation and then came to Athens, Ohio, where for four years he was professor of Greek and German in the Ohio university. In 1882, he again went to Europe and traveled extensively through England, Germany, France and Switzerland, making a thorough examination of the school-systems in those countries. In 1883, he was appointed president pro tem. of the Ohio university, and a year later was unanimously elected to that dignity, and has since held it. Dr. Super has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1865, and in May, 1888, was one of the two lay delegates to represent the Ohio conference at the general conference of that denomination held in New York city. He has contributed many valuable articles to the periodical press on educational and historical topics, and since 1887, has been associate editor of the *Journal of Pedagogy*, published at Athens. He is also the translator from the French of "Weil's Order of Words," and at the present time is engaged on a "History of the German Language." Syracuse university conferred upon him the degree of master of

arts, in 1883. He is also a member of the American Philological association, of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, and of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. In 1874, he was given the degree of Ph. D. by the Illinois Wesleyan university, his thesis on that occasion being on the Latin Perfect (tense). In addition to filling the presidency of Ohio university, Dr. Super fills the chairs of Greek and political economy, in that institution. In December, 1867, he married Miss Mary Louise Clewell, daughter of John Clewell, of Canfield, Ohio, and four children have blessed the union, named: Corinne, Francis, Ralph and Frederick (deceased). Dr. Super is a member of Sereno lodge, No. 479, I. O. O. F., and also of the Fraternal Mystic Circle. Henry Super was born in Perry county, Penn., in 1820. In 1841, he married Miss Mary Diener, daughter of Peter Diener, of Schuykill county, Penn., and to them seven children were born: Charles W., Jefferson E., Ovando B., Daniel R., John H., Alvin D. and Irving H. Henry Super died in 1864. He was the son of John Jacob Super, who was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, August 19, 1775, and came to this country in 1819, settling in Perry county, Penn., where he died in 1859. May 12, 1803, Heinrika Eleanora Rediger became his wife, and twelve children resulted. John Jacob Super was the son of John, who in turn was the son of John Jacob. Dr. Charles W. Super ranks among the first educators of the land. He is a man of brilliant mind, and of great concentration of purpose. His administration of the affairs of the Ohio university has resulted in increased prosperity to that institution.

John Arthur Tullis was born in Clarke county, Ohio, November 11, 1836. When he was about eight years of age his family moved to Champaign county, Ohio, and there he remained on his father's farm until his marriage in 1859. He was given a good education, having attended the public schools, and later the Clarke county academy. He had qualified himself for teaching, but his inclinations led him in another direction. After his marriage he was engaged in agriculture for several years, but his health became so impaired that a change was made necessary. He removed to St. Paris, Ohio, and there engaged in the wholesale produce and shipping business for a number of years. During the last few years of this time he was also somewhat interested in the printing business. In 1879 he came to Nelsonville and established the *Nelsonville News*, making it the first successful newspaper published in the town. In 1884 he was compelled to dispose of his publishing business on account of returned ill health. After two years of enforced retirement he was urged so strongly by leading citizens, to again enter the journalistic world that he purchased a new outfit and began the publication of the *Valley Register* in 1886. At its inception it was made an inde-

pendent organ, but after the lapse of two years was launched upon the journalistic world as a champion of the republican party. Mr. Tullis is the son of Thompson Perry and Cinda (Layton) Tullis. The former was born in Greene county, Ohio, January 15, 1814, and died at St. Paris, Ohio, May 18, 1871. The latter was born in Clarke county, Ohio July 25, 1818, and died July 4, 1850. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters. Both parents were active members of the Christian church. Mr. Tullis, subject of this sketch, was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Susan Emily Deaton, second daughter of George W. and Hannah Leffel Deaton. She was born in Clarke county, Ohio, September 6, 1840. Mrs. Tullis is a woman of fine education and of much culture. After their removal from the farm she embarked in the millinery business and has since conducted a large and growing trade. George W. Deaton was born in Virginia in 1814. His wife, Hannah Leffel, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Leffel, was born in Clarke county, Ohio in 1818. They were married in 1836, and had nine children. Mr. and Mrs. Tullis were married March 31, 1859, and are the parents of three children. The eldest, Addie Amelia, was born February 5, 1860, and married Emerson Smith, then of Columbus, Ohio, now of Spokane Falls, Washington, April 18, 1884. The second daughter is Anna Viola, born April 23, 1875, the youngest child being Mabel Clair, born April 5, 1878. The two latter named children are still at home, and at the present receiving the best educational advantages. The family are active and valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are held in the highest esteem by the entire community.

Theatus E. Wells was born in Wirt county, W. Va., January 9, 1855. In 1868 he entered the office of the *Wirt County Democrat*, and learned the printer's trade, remaining there for four years, he then went to Randolph, W. Va., and in 1873 bought the *Randolph Enterprise*, which he published until 1877, when he sold his interest. After a trip through the west, he located at Glenville, Gilmer county, W. Va., and bought the *Gilmer County Review*, which he ably edited and managed during the national campaign of 1880. At this time Mr. Wells took up his residence at Point Pleasant, W. Va., and there accepted the position of local editor of the *Saturday Visitor*, remaining with that journal until 1882, when he came to Nelsonville, Ohio, as the foreman and local editor of the *News*. In March, 1884, he purchased the *News*, and changed it from an independent republican paper to a straight democratic publication. Mr. Wells was married in 1883, to Miss Dennie D. Poston, daughter of Ashford Poston, of Nelsonville, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of the county. Three children have been

born into this cultured home, named: Ashford, Bruce, Leona and Vivian. William Wells was born in Wood county, Va., in 1825, and died there in 1882. He was a prominent merchant of Elizabeth, Va., for many years. His marriage to Miss Belinda Worley was celebrated in 1851, and resulted in the birth of three children: Sarah L. Wolf, Theatus E. and Thomas E. The mother died in 1861. William was the son of Levi Wells, a Virginian, who died in 1859.

MEIGS COUNTY.

W. B. Amos was born in Morgan county, Ohio, February 27, 1857, his parents being Franklin and Rachel (Drake) Amos. The father was a farmer and held the office of township treasurer for ten years, his death occurring September 14, 1889, aged fifty-six. His wife is still living. They had nine children, of whom seven are living. Our subject began life at twenty-one as a clerk in a store, which he continued for eight years, and in 1886 began merchandising for himself. His marriage took place June 22, 1881, to Miss Mary B., daughter of Thomas and Abigail Pickens, of Racine, Ohio. Her father, who died in 1882, aged seventy-six, was one of the prominent farmers in his portion of the county, and he and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the latter dying in 1879. Their children were: Mrs. Amos, Miss Alice, and Fanny, wife of A. G. Stivers, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Our subject and wife have only one child, Estella. Mrs. Amos is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a lady of many estimable traits of character. Mr. Amos is recognized not only as a skillful business man but a valuable citizen in every respect.

Harvey D. Bailey was born in Kanawha county, W. Va., October 16, 1836. Until his sixteenth year his time was spent after the manner usual to boys, he having been given a good common school education. At the latter age he began farming which he followed for two years, after which he engaged in the steamboat business on the Ohio river, and later on the Mississippi, Kanawha, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. In 1856 he came to Pomeroy. In 1864 he connected himself with the ferryboat between Pomeroy and Mason City, W. Va. He was thus engaged until January, 1873, when he, in company with others, purchased the ferry and they still operate it. Mr. Bailey was married July 9th, 1865, to Mary, daughter of Edward and Mary Ryan, of Mason City, W. Va. Edward (deceased), James A., Josephine and Permelia (deceased), are the fruit of this marriage. Mr. Bailey has served as a member of the city council of Mason City, W. Va., for six or seven terms. He holds a commission as first lieutenant of Company K, One Hundred and Sixth regi-

ment West Virginia militia. At the first call for troops during the late war he enlisted, but was not mustered in. James A. Bailey, father of above, was born in Botetourt county, Va., in 1812. He was married to Permelia Payne, by whom he had these children: Thomas H., Harvey D., James E., Lelia Turner, William M., Mary M., Edgar, John, Nancy Coleman and Cidenahan. The father was the son of William P. Bailey, who was also a native of Virginia. He died about 1845.

Hiram V. Bailey was born in Salisbury township, Meigs county, Ohio, September 4th, 1857, the son of Edward and Electa (Woodard) Bailey. The former was born in Meigs county, Ohio, May 8th, 1828. His marriage to Electa Woodard took place July 4, 1851. They were the parents of six children: Rhoda Hoppes, David (deceased), Jennie Hoppes, Hiram V., Edward F. and Florence B. The mother died in 1873. Edward was the son of David Bailey, who was born in Virginia in 1784. Hiram V. Bailey, the subject of this writing, was given a fair schooling, and at the age of eighteen years began agriculture, which he followed until 1884, when he embarked in the brick manufacturing business. He is also interested in the Peacock coal mines. In January, 1889, he established a grocery business in company with Christian Kuntz. The concern does a large and growing business, and is recognized as one of the most substantial mercantile houses in the city. Mr. Bailey is one of five persons forming a stock company which erected and now owns the Pomeroy opera honse. In January, 1890, he was appointed superintendent of the Meigs County Children's home, and his administration of this important office has been highly satisfactory to the entire community, he having evinced much ability and enterprise in connection with it. Indeed, his whole business career has been marked by uprightness and enterprise. He has been twice married. His first wife was Callie McMaster, daughter of William McMaster. The ceremony was solemnized November 25th, 1880. Mrs. Bailey died March 17th, 1882. He was married September 5th, 1888, to Belle A. Ensminger, daughter of David Ensminger. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have a son, born July 29, 1890. Mr. Bailey is a member of Pomeroy lodge, F. & A. M., Pomeroy chapter, R. A. M., Bosworth council, Ohio Valley commandery, K. T., and of Mineral lodge, I. O. O. F. and Pomeroy encampment. Both he and wife are members of Presbyterian church.

Thomas C. Barstow was born in Meigs county, May 18, 1841, his parents being Horace and Olive (Richardson) Barstow. The father was a cooper and farmer and in his younger days a boatman. He is still living, an honored resident of Reedsville, at the age of eighty years. His wife, a native of Maine, died at the age of about sixty-eight, a member of the Adventist church.

They had five children: Isaac, who served three years in the army of the Potomac; Zachariah, who served in the Seventh Ohio cavalry during most of the war, and died in 1868, aged twenty-nine; Thomas C., Mary C. and Lydia W., who died at the age of seven. When of age our subject began life as a cooper, in which business he continued until August 15, 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer infantry. He took part in many battles, including Piedmont, Lynchburg, and the numerous engagements which Sheridan's army fought in the valley. In 1864 he was transferred to the army of the James, and served in the fighting around Petersburg (in the charge on Fort Greg in the rear of Petersburg, April 2, 1865), being present at the surrender, and on duty at Richmond when the grand review was taking place at Washington. His discharge is dated June, 1865, and shows about three years' service. Mr. Barstow made a loyal and faithful soldier, and like all others of that kind, deserves well of his country. After the war he resumed coopering for a few years, then went to Ravenswood, W. Va., where he engaged in the grocery trade for about five years. He then sold out on account of failing health, and was appointed postmaster in Reedsville in May, 1889. In 1870 our subject was married to Miss Hannah L. Kibble, of Meigs county, and she died December 22, 1883, aged thirty-eight years, a member of the Baptist church. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R., a republican in politics, and a citizen who has many friends and enjoys general esteem.

John Bauer was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1798, and died in 1856. In 1820, he married Margaret Stoltz, by whom he had nine children: John (deceased), Jacob, Christina, Michael (deceased), Mary, Christian, Barbara, Margaret Fisher and George. The mother died in 1850. John Bauer, Sr., father of the above, was born in 1754, and died in 1837. George Bauer, one of the children of John and Margaret Bauer, and the subject of this sketch, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, November 22, 1833. He attended the public schools of his native town, and in 1853, sought a more extended field for his labors, in the United States. His first residence in this country was at Allegheny City, Penn., where he remained for six months. While still a citizen of Germany, Mr. Bauer had acquired the trade of stone cutting, and after his coming to this country he followed that trade. After leaving Allegheny City he went to Louisville, Ky., thence to Cincinnati, and finally to Pomeroy, Ohio. In 1855, he married Elizabeth Flaum, who has borne him sixteen children, named as follows: Elizabeth Foglesing, George and Christina (twins, now deceased), John, Mary Hepp, Henry (deceased), Frederick, Michael (deceased, Katie, Valentine, Susie, Anna, Mary (deceased), George (deceased), Peter (deceased), and another

as yet unchristened. Mr. Bauer is a member of the Pomeroy lodge and Pomeroy encampment, I. O. O. F, and he and wife are active communicants of the Presbyterian church. In 1871 and 1872, he was a city commissioner, and is now occupying the honorable and responsible position of city appraiser.

Charles L. Bell, the extensive boat builder of Racine, Ohio, was born in Washington county, Ohio, May 15, 1840, the son of Samuel Bell, a native of Ohio, a member of the Ninth Virginia infantry. He was born in 1802, and died in 1884, at Racine, where for many years he had been engaged in boat building. In 1833 he married Elizabeth Bell, born August 25th, 1808; died October 13th, 1887, by whom he had four children: John L. W., Adeline Wolf (deceased), Charles L. and Joseph P. (deceased), was a member of Ninth Virginia infantry. The mother of these children died in 1887. Samuel Bell was the son of Samuel Bell, who was born in Ireland, and died in Racine, Meigs county, Ohio. Charles L. Bell, the principal of this biographical mention, received his schooling in Meigs county. When sixteen years of age he went to work in his father's boat yard, where he learned the trade. Until July, 1861, he was thus engaged, having thoroughly mastered the details of his craft in that time. At the latter date he offered his services to his country by enlisting in Company E, Fourth West Virginia infantry. He was in the army of the Potomac and took a valiant part in these battles: Charleston, W. Va.; Scary, W. Va.; siege of Vicksburg, Tenn., where he was severely wounded; Fifteenth Cavalry corps, under Sherman, battle of Mission Ridge, Knoxville, Lynchburg, Snicker's Ferry, and several other minor engagements. In 1862 he was made a corporal and was honorably discharged with that rank July 29, 1864. Returning to Racine he resumed the boat building business, and has since carried on a large trade. On the 4th of September, 1860, he was happily married to Martha E. Metcalf, daughter of Joseph Metcalf, of Racine, Ohio. Eight children have blessed this union, named: Charles E., Albert L., Hattie A. Beach, Joseph G., Carrie L., Carl, Earnest and Fred. Mr. Bell is a member of the A. O. U. W., G. A. R., and also of the Society of the Army of West Virginia.

Charles F. Besserer is a Pennsylvanian by birth, having been born at McKeesport, Penn., June 18, 1855. When two years of age he was taken by his parents to Mason City, W. Va., where they remained for six months; they then went to Middleport, Ohio, where the son was given the advantages of a thorough education, having been sent to Oberlin college for three years to complete his education. Remaining in college for three years, he then returned to Middleport in 1874, and opened a meat store, in which business he still continues. May 17, 1881, he was married to Mary F.Mauck, daughter of Daniel Mauck, of Cheshire, Ohio.

Mr. Besserer is a member of Middleport lodge, No. 363, F. & A. M., Salisbury chapter, and Ohio Valley commandery K. T.; also a member of Fides lodge, No. 210, K. of P., of which lodge he has been a trustee, and at the present time is a trustee of the Middleport lodge. Mr. Besserer is a son of Frederick Besserer, a native of Germany, having been born in that county in 1827. In 1845 he emigrated to this country, and located at McKeesport, Penn., coming to Ohio in 1857. He married Mary C——, who bore him eight children, viz.: Frederica Witmer, Charles F., Mary Evans, John W., Emma, Lettie, William B., and a son now dead. Frederick Besserer died in Middleport, September 6, 1879. He was a son of John F. Besserer, also a German by birth.

Isaac Bradfield was born near Harrisonville, Meigs county, Ohio, January 8, 1838. He was given a good preliminary education, and 1860 entered the Decamp institute. December 25, 1863, his services were offered to his country, and he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio regiment, reporting for duty at Columbus, Ohio. On his arrival at that place he found that the regiment to which he had been assigned was already full, so he returned home. In March, 1864, he moved to Pomeroy, and for some months worked at his trade of wheel-wright. In December, 1864, he was appointed deputy sheriff, under Sheriff Martin Hecox, and took charge of the jail, continuing in that capacity under different sheriffs for twelve years. During that time not a prisoner escaped from his custody. In 1878 he removed to his farm and remained there two years. At the expiration of this time Mr. Bradfield opened a hotel at Pomeroy, and remained in that business until 1888. One year later he was elected justice of the peace for Salisbury township, and still occupies that office. He was married September 29, 1861, to Miss Tabitha Gregg, daughter of William Gregg. Marietta, Charles S., William H., and Bessie V., are the children that have been born into this happy home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Jesse Bradfield, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Hardee county, Va., February 17, 1807. He removed to Meigs county, Ohio. About 1834, he was joined in marriage to Miss Rachel Brooks, and to them were born ten children. The father died July 29, 1879, and the mother February 15, 1887. Zachariah Bradfield, his father, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in 1845. Virginia was his native state. Isaac Bradfield was an inventor of considerable talent. He invented a car-coupler which promised to make him famous had he lived, and to be of great service to the thousands of men who risk their lives daily on the railroads. July 19, 1890, was the date on which the death of Isaac Bradfield occurred, and in his death a good citizen of the county passed away.

Frederick Bryan, a Virginian, was born in York county in 1794. He came to Ohio in 1837, marrying in 1817, Martha W. Lee, who was born in 1801, and who bore him sixteen children, viz.: John F., Letitia B. Spence, William W., Frederick P., now living; those deceased are, Mary E., who married William Gillian, of Virginia, and died in Middeport, in 1867; M. Virginia married Wesley Black, and departed this life in Middeport, Ohio, in 1866. She died from the effects of chloroform which had been administered while she was having some teeth extracted. The others died in infancy. The father died in 1856, and his wife who still survives him, is a direct descendant of the distinguished Lee family, of Virginia, being a cousin of Robert E. Mr. Bryan, father of the above, was also a Virginian. His ancestors came to that state among the first settlers of the "Old Dominion." Frederick P. Bryan, the subject of this mention, and the son of the Frederick Bryan mentioned above, was born near Williamsburg, Va., July 3, 1832. After having obtained a good scholastic training in the schools of Licking and Fairfield counties, Ohio, he was apprenticed to the harness-maker's trade in 1851. Three years later he removed to Middleport, Ohio, where he worked as a journeyman until about 1860, when he established a harness business of his own, and has since continued in that business. On the 29th of August, 1855, he espoused Mary J. Smith, daughter of Benjamin Smith, of Middleport, who at the time of his demise was the oldest resident born in Meigs county. Five children have been born to the union of Frederick Bryan and Mary Smith, viz.: Elzy H., William E., Ada H. (deceased), Paul S., and a son deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are active and valued members of the Presbyterian church, and are held in high esteem by the community at large.

Amelius F. Chapman was born in Putnam county, Va., December 5, 1843. In 1852 he accompanied his parents to West Columbia, W. Va., where he received his early schooling. After a four years' residence in the latter place he went to Hartford City, where he remained until March 15, 1870, at which time he was married to Fannie T. Hanna, daughter of Mathew Hanna, of Hartford City, W. Va. In 1873, he removed to Minerville, Ohio, where he was engaged in contracting and building until 1878, when he was appointed general superintendent of the White Rock Salt works, which position he now fills. Mr. Chapman is the father of two children, named Fannie M. and Irene. He has held the office of school director of Sutton township, Meigs county, since 1874. In 1889 he was a candidate for the state senate on the democratic ticket, but he withdrew his name. He was also the nominee for the office of recorder for Meigs county. In 1890, he was appointed a trustee of the insane asylum at Athens, Ohio, by Gov. Campbell. Mr. Chapman is a

member of Pomeroy lodge, No. 164, F. & A. M., and Pomeroy chapter, No. 80, and Ohio Valley commandery of the Knights Templar, No. 24, and is also a thirty-second degree Mason of the valley of Cincinnati. Erasmus Chapman, father of the principal of this sketch, was born in Virginia May 6, 1806. He was a contractor and builder by occupation. In 18—, he married Charlotte Duding, and by her had ten children: Margaret L. Peters, John F. (deceased), William J. (deceased), James H. (deceased), Joshua M., Amelius F., Ursula Sattes, Virginia Chapman, Lutetia Sattes and Nancy (deceased). The mother died in 1851, and the father was again married in 18—, taking for his second wife Martha Dodson, who bore him seven children: Charles S., Lycurgus F., Maynard M. (deceased), Talbot, Dimmie, George and Joel. Erasmus Chapman was the son of Joseph Chapman.

Charles Church was born in the state of Maine in the year 1821. While still a youth he came to Meigs county, Ohio, with his parents. He was killed by an explosion in the Pomeroy Rolling mill in 1866. He was married in 1840 to Kate McCormack, by whom he had eight children: Lewis, Charles (deceased), Elizabeth Feiger (deceased), Horace J., Margaret McGee, Amanda Barton, John (deceased), and Charles (deceased). Mrs. Church died in 1862, at her home in Pomeroy. Horace J. Church, the son of Charles, and the principal of this biographical mention, was born in Sheffield, Meigs county, Ohio, January 19, 1845. He was given a fair education in the Pomeroy schools. On leaving school he went to work with his father and afterward entered the employ of the Excelsior Salt works, at Pomeroy, where he was still engaged at the time of the breaking out of the war of the rebellion. In January, 1865, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged January 20th, 1866, at Macon, Ga. On the 9th of August, 1880, Mr. Church was united in marriage to Miss Serena Murray, daughter of Rufus Murray. This marriage has been without issue, but in 1886 they adopted a little girl of much promise. Mr. Church is one of the most respected citizens of Pomeroy, having ever evinced sterling integrity and Christian charity. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife. And he is also a member of Gamaliel Bartlett Post, G. A. R.

Marion Cline, a representative citizen of Pomeroy, Ohio, is a native of Columbia township, Meigs county, Ohio, where he was born October 12, 1844. He was engaged in securing an education and in assisting his father on the farm until December 5, 1861, at which time he enlisted in Company H, Seventy-third Ohio volunteer infantry. November 26, 1862, he received his discharge from the Seventy-third on account of disabling injuries. July 6th, 1863, he re-enlisted in Company C, Fourth

Independent battalion of Ohio cavalry and was discharged therefrom March 12, 1864. Again enlisting October 25, 1864, in Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, in June, 1865, he was transferred to Company G, One Hundred and Eighty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, receiving his final honorable discharge July 14, 1865, having participated with valor and faithfulness in many battles and skirmishes, among which may be mentioned the following: Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, Campaign of the Rapidan, in 1862, second battle of Bull Run, Overalls Creek, battle of the Cedars, Kinston, and others. On his return home he entered DeCamp institute, where he remained one year. On the 22nd of October, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy L. Halliday, daughter of Alexander Halliday, and to them were born five children: John H., William H., Henry W. (deceased), Myrtie M. (deceased), and Frank (deceased). After his marriage Mr. Cline removed to Arizona, soon after going to California, where he was in the employ of the Central Pacific railroad for two years. He then returned to Meigs county, Ohio, and for three years was engaged in the mercantile trade. For eighteen months he was interested in the lumber business in Vinton county, Ohio, moving thence to Middleport, Ohio, in July, 1877, where he was employed as a clerk until 1880. At this time he connected himself with John B. Halliday & Co., as traveling salesman. In October, 1881, he was elected recorder of Meigs county, and again received the election to that office in 1884, and also in 1887. On the 5th of November, 1886, his wife died, and he married a second time to Ella S. McElHinney, *nee* Stanbury, daughter of John E. Stanbury, April 28, 1889. Mr. Cline has served as first lieutenant and adjutant of the Sixth Ohio National Cuard since 1881, having been first lieutenant of Company I. He is the second oldest lieutenant in point of service in the state. He has been a delegate to several different state conventions. He is a member of the Pomeroy lodge, F. & A. M., and Salisbury chapter, F. & A. M., Bosworth council and Ohio commandery, also of Middleport lodge of the I. O. O. F., and Pomeroy encampment, No. 68, I. O. O. F. At the present time he is commander of Middleport post, No. 125, G. A. R., and was a delegate to the National encampment of the G. A. R., which met at Boston, Mass., August 12, 1890. In politics Mr. Cline is a true republican. His father's name was George Cline, who was a Virginian by birth, having been born in that state in 18—. He settled in Meigs county, Ohio, about 1825. In the year ——, he married Anna, daughter of Eliphalet Robinet, by whom he had four children, viz.: Marion, Eliphalet (deceased), Drusilla Martin (deceased), and Sarah A. Martin. He died April 27, 1849. Mr. Cline's grandfather on the paternal side was

Joseph Cline, a native of Germany, born there in 1789. Having emigrated to America he settled in Virginia, and subsequently removed to Meigs county, Ohio, in 1825. His death occurred in the latter place in June, 1878.

Waid Cross, one of the most successful and respected merchants of Meigs county, Ohio, is a native of Sutton township, Meigs county, where he was born December 28, 1835. After attending the common school for several years, he entered the Racine high-school, and completed his course there. Having finished his scholastic training, he remained with his father on the farm until 1860, when he embarked in business with his father, the partnership continuing until about the year 1869, when Charles McElroy purchased Mr. Cross, Sr's., interest and the new firm operated the growing business until the death of Mr. McElroy, some two years later. Mr. Cross then assumed the entire control of the concern, and has since carried it on in his own name, having built up a large and increasing trade. He is recognized as one of the substantial business men of the community and has the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. Adeline E. Miles became his wife in 1859, the ceremony having been solemnized on the 21st of August of that year. Mrs. Cross is the daughter of John B. Miles, of Meigs county. Their seven children are: Hervey W. (deceased), Mary E. (deceased), Stanley M., Charles W., Electa M., Ben E. and John W. For ten or twelve years Mr. Cross has been a member of the council of Racine, and has served several teams on the board of education. His public duties have always been discharged with the same energy and integrity that have characterized his business career. Mr. Cross is a son of Lucius Cross. The latter was born in Connecticut, December 30, 1798. He came to Marietta, Ohio, with his parents when but a child. In 1821, he married Thirza Stanley, and then removed to Meigs county, where nine children were born to them: Abigail Curtis, Maria Hayman, Eliza Carson, Lucius, Timothy S., Waid, David B., Lydia A. Mallory and Edwin. Mr. Cross died in 1883, and his wife in the following year. Waid Cross, the father of Lucius, was born in Connecticut, and came to Ohio in 1808, where he died.

John S. Davies is a native of South Wales, where he first saw the light March 1, 1814. His early youth was spent in acquiring an education in the school at Penant, South Wales. In 1834 he emigrated to America, coming directly to Newark, Ohio, where he engaged in the carpenter's trade, which he had learned previous to his coming to this country. After a three years' residence at Newark, he removed to Jackson county, Ohio, where for about seven years his time was divided between farming and working at his trade. At the expiration of this time he took up his residence at Pomeroy, where he embarked in the contracting

and building business. In 1845 he established a partnership with Samuel Morton. After a business association for eight years, during which time the firm had erected and operated a planing-mill, Mr. Davies purchased his partner's interest in the concern and carried on the business himself until about 1865, when he leased his mill to other parties and accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Sutton Salt company, which he held for six years. He then entered into a partnership with his son William H., in the planing-mill business, and from that time to this they have been in successful operation. Mr. Davies was married November 25, 1847, to Rebecca, daughter of Joseph Clements, of Athens, Ohio, and eight children have blessed their union, viz.: John A. (deceased), two sons who died in infancy, Jennie, Josiah D., Will H. and Ida M., and a son who died before christening. For eight years Mr. Davies was a trustee of Salisbury township, and his every act was for the good of the community at large while occupying that position of trust. His father was Stephen Davies, who was born in Wales. He emigrated to America in 1837, settling in Jackson county, Ohio, where he died. In 1808 he married Mary Alban, who bore him fourteen children: Mary A. (deceased), Elizabeth Walters (deceased), John, Ann (deceased), Ebenezer (deceased), Hannah Lawrence (deceased), Daniel, Jane Jenkins (deceased), Peter (deceased), Alban, Sarah Evans, Margaret Jones, and two sons that died in early youth. Mr. Davies' grandfather was Timothy Davies, a native of South Wales. John S. Davies, the principal of this mention, was a member of the Pomeroy city council for two years, he having been elected one of the first councilmen after the organization of the council by the city charter.

David C. Davies was born in the south of Wales, April 5, 1847. In 1851 he came to the United States with his parents, who settled at Pittsburg, where they remained but a year, after which they removed to Middleport, Ohio. After a year spent in the latter place they took up their residence at Pomeroy, Ohio. Here the son was given a common school education, and subsequently a course in the commercial college at Pomeroy. His first occupation was a clerk in the general store of D. Sloan, at Coal Port, Ohio, where he remained for about six months, after which he entered the employ of Schreeber & Horton, where he stayed for four years. He then went to Columbia, W. Va., as bookkeeper for the Crescent Coal and Salt company. After six years with them he was in the employ of T. R. Jones as bookkeeper in his hardware establishment. He was next connected with the Hope Salt and Coal company, and he has since remained in that concern in charge of the books. Mr. Davies is a member of Pomeroy lodge, No. 164, F. & A. M., and Mineral lodge, No. 242, I. O. O. F.; also a member of the Presbyterian church. His

father is David S. Davies, a native of South Wales, where he was born in 1824. He came to this country in 1850. He married Jane Lewis, daughter of David Lewis of South Wales, by whom he had thirteen children.

Thomas H. Davis was born in Pentra Berw, Angleshire, North Wales, March 12, 1840. He is the son of Hugh Davis (deceased), who was born in Angleshire, North Wales. He attended school until he was twelve years old, when he went to Bangor, North Wales, to learn the trade of moulder in a foundry. From there he went to the Valley, and worked at his trade. While there he met his future life partner, Miss Margaret Williams, daughter of Robert Williams, of Mona Lodge. Miss Williams lived three miles distant from the Valley. They were married on Easter Monday, April 5, 1858. About that time he decided to emigrate, and was undetermined whether to go to Australia or to America. His brother-in-law, Mr. John R. Williams, who was in America, urged him to come to this country. So in June, 1858, he and his wife set sail for America. They had a stormy sea voyage, and landed in New York, on Monday, July 15, 1858. They started immediately for Johnstown, Penn., and arrived there that same night. At Johnstown, he went to work in the coal mines, but he was taken sick shortly after his arrival there. After a sickness of six weeks, he went to work in a blacksmith shop, at the coal mines, until he had fully recovered his strength. Then he went back to his former work. In April, 1859, he left Johnstown and came to Pomeroy, Ohio, where he has since lived. At Pomeroy he worked for awhile hauling water from the coal mines; then he dug coal. During an idle time in the coal works he worked at his trade in the Pomeroy foundry. In 1863 he embarked in the meat business at Pomeroy. With less than $100 capital, which he had saved while working in the mines, he had to begin on a small scale. So at first he delivered his meat with a basket. His trade rapidly increased, and by his fair dealing and upright manner he soon had a nice business well started, and it has prospered ever since. In 1883 he opened a branch store at Middleport, Ohio. At present he has the largest meat trade in Meigs county. He has added pork packing to his other business. He has had many buildings erected to accommodate his growing business. His mammoth brick ice house is one of the largest buildings in the county. He is quite a public spirited man, and is held in high regard by his fellow citizens. It was mainly due to him that the government ice piers were located at Middleport. By the farmers he is most highly esteemed. Though his chances for an education were quite limited, he is now well informed. Mr. Davis has seved as a member of the Pomeroy council, having been elected from a strong democratic ward, though he is a straight-out republican. He also served three

terms of three years each, as member of the board of education of that city. He served as president of the board of education a great part of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are parents of eleven children: Elizabeth S. Lewis, Robert L. (deceased), Hugh H., William G., Sarah J. (deceased), Thomas H., Jr., John S., Sarah J., Margaret, Elmer S. and Clara. Mr. Davis had four sisters and two brothers, all of whom except his sister, Hannah Williams, are dead. His mother's maiden name was Jane S. Hughes. His parents are both dead.

William L. Downie, the popular and successful proprietor and manager of the Wharf-boat at Pomeroy, Meigs county, Ohio, was born in Newbiggin, near Lander Berwickshire, Scotland, November 15th, 1829. He received his education at the public schools in Lander. In 1849 he came to this country, arriving at Pomeroy, August 13th, 1849, he began by driving a team, then was employed in a general store at Minersville. After two years he then worked for the Pomeroy Salt Works, subsequently he was engaged in the boat yard at Pomeroy, he went to Baten Rouge, La., in 1854, and returned to Pomeroy in 1855, when he assumed the charge of the Peacock coal banks, situated in Pomeroy, having filled the latter position for eight years, Mr. Downie went to Cairo, Ill., where he had charge of W. P. Halliday's coal yard from 1863 to 1865; on leaving Cario he went to Island Seventy-six and engaged in the lumber business with S. A. Burnap, he returned to Pomeroy and bought the Wharf-boat from S. P. Roush, November 1st, 1865, where he has been doing business ever since and from all appearances, is likely to continue. He married Susanna Ciosbie, daughter of Thomas Ciosbie, on August 28th, 1850. Seven children are the result of this union: Alexander, Jennett Mirrick, James, Agnes Stewart McQuigg, Mary Loshrey, William G. and Allie Moore. Mr. Downie has filled all of the principal offices and is a past officer in all of the York rite, bodies of Masonry, he is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, also a member of Chickamauga Tribe of I. O. R. M., at Gallipolis, and a charter member of Mineral lodge, No. 242, I. O. O. F. and Pomeroy encampment, No. 68, I. O. O. F. Alexander Downie, his father, was a native of Scotland, where he was born in 1787. He was married about 1809, to Agnes Stewart, by whom he had nine children: Mary Telfer, George, James, John (Alexander, Alexanor deceased), Allie Darling, William L. and Agnes Richardson. The mother died April 20th, 1860 and the father January 1st, 1870, they both died at Newbiggin, and are buried in the Lander church graveyard. George Downie, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the Glasgow district, Scotland, and passed his life there as did also his father before him.

The efficient mayor of Pomeroy is Algernon B. Donnally, who

was born in Salisbury township, Meigs county, Ohio, June 5, 1827. Having been given good educational advantages, Mr. Donnally remained with his father on the paternal farm until his father entered the mercantile business and the son then clerked for his father for a time. Subsequently he was employed in the store of Edwards & Brothers, Pomeroy, after which he worked for various firms until 1854, at which time he, in company with D. M. Davis, opened a dry-goods and grocery store in Pomeroy. Two years later he bought out Mr. Davis, but soon after sold the business and accepted a position in the store of the Coal Ridge Salt company, with whom he remained for one year. At this time Mr. Donnally was appointed clerk of the circuit court. Having served out the allotted twelve months of his appointment he was then elected to the office in 1864, and so satisfactory was his administration of its affairs that he was continued in that capacity for four terms. After one year spent on a farm he embarked in the insurance business. Mr. Donnally has built up a large business in insurance and has so won the respect of his fellow townsmen that in 1887 he was elected mayor of Pomeroy, and again two years later was re-elected to that office. December 24th, 1856, he espoused Miss Caroline Todd, and to them have been born eight children: Waldo E., Ella C. Jackson, Jessie B., William B., Anna B. Paine, Benjamin W., George W. and Greta G. Andrew Donnally, the father of Mr. Algernon Donnally, was born in Virginia in ——, 17—. He settled in Meigs county, Ohio, about 1815. He was thrice married, the second wife, whose maiden name was Adriana VanDuyn, having been the mother of Algernon Donnally. William A. and Mary J. Hayman were the other children born to this union. The father died in 1854 and the mother in 1831. Andrew Donnally was also the name of the father of Andrew.

Maj. John B. Downing, the famous violinist, was born at Rutland, Ohio, February 13, 1834. He was graduated from the Robinson academy, at Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1850. He then went to Marietta college, and afterward on the lower Mississippi as a clerk, then pilot and captain, continuing in that calling until 1867. He then went to New York, where he remained for a year, after which he came to Middleport, Ohio, where he opened an insurance office, which he has since successfully conducted. In 1869 he was united in marriage to Romie H. Miller, daughter of William C. Miller, of Gallipolis, Ohio. Two sons came of this union: Miller R. and John B., Jr. Mr. Downing is a member of Middleport lodge, F. & A. M., Bosworth council, Salisbury chapter, and Ohio Valley commandery, No. 24, of Knights Templar. Mr. Downing is the son of Rodney Downing, deceased, who was born in Waterville, Me., November 8, 1802. In 1816 he accompanied his parents to Ohio, locating in Meigs county. The father

was married twice; the first wife was Maria Black, mother of John B. Downing, to whom he was married in 1825, and by whom he had two children, the subject of this mention and Samuel, deceased. The father died in October, 1886, and his wife October 20, 1870. Samuel Downing, a native of Maine, was the father of Rodney Downing. As a violinist, Mr. John B. Downing has gained a wide reputation; while he is a successful business man, he is a greater success as a musician. It is said of him that he is the peer of any violinist in the state of Ohio.

Joseph W. Dumble was born in Chambersburg, Penn., September 19, 1830. When nine years of age he went to Marion, Ohio, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1853 he bought the *Marion Independent*, which he published until 1857. Having sold the *Independent* in the latter year, he soon after became the local editor of the *Ironton* (Ohio) *Register*, remaining in that position for seven years, when he removed to Marietta to take the local editorship of the *Register*. In 1872, he took an interest in the paper, but in 1876, sold out and came to Middleport. Mr. Dumble purchased the *Meigs County News* at this time, which he changed to the *Meigs County Republican*. This paper has come to be one of the most reliable and interesting journals in the county. Under Mr. Dumble's judicious management its subscription list has kept pace with the constant improvement in its columns. Republican in politics, it is at once aggressive and alert in political matters. It is edited on the broadest principles of journalism. Mr. Dumble married Jennie E. Brice, in the year 1860, and six children were born to them: Jessie F., Fannie M. Bryan, Carl C., Nellie F., Laura M. and Fred M. Mrs. Dumble died March 21, 1883. October 14, 1885, Mrs. Anna E. Cheatham Van Duyn, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Van Duyn, of Middleport, Ohio, became his wife. For nine years Mr. Dumble was a member of the Harmar board of education. John Dumble, his father, was an Englishman, having been born at Cornwall in 1790. He came to the United States in 1820, and died in this country in 1862. Nancy Barr became his wife in 1821, and bore him six children, viz.: John B. (deceased), Martha A. Collins, William F. (deceased), Joseph W., Ephraim H. and Samuel R. The mother died in 1836.

Robert Dyke was born in Poyntington, Somersetshire, England, on the 16th of November, 1839. In 1853 he emigrated to the United States. He settled at Pomeroy, Ohio, where he received one year's schooling, after which he learned the shoemaker's trade. After three years spent in acquiring his chosen trade, he entered the employ of Murdoch & Nye, millers, with whom he remained some three years. At the expiration of this time Mr. Dyke removed to Ringgold, Ga., where he embarked in the shoe business. At the close of the year, however, he re-

turned to Pomeroy, Ohio, and in June, 1861, enlisted in Company C, Fourth regiment West Virginia volunteers, being mustered in as a private. In November, 1862, he was promoted to a second lieutenancy in Company C. He received his honorable discharge July 6th, 1864, having been an active participant in the following engagements: Vicksburg, the charge of the Fourth regiment West Virginia volunteers, and the Forty-seventh Ohio regiment on the Confederate army at Vicksburg, on May 19th, 1864; and again on a similar charge May 22nd of the same year. He was a member of the corps detailed to turn the course of the Mississippi river at Vicksburg; and in addition to these fought in the battles of Mission Ridge, Knoxville, Jackson, Miss.; the Lynchburg raid; and many others too numerous to mention here. During this time Mr. Dyke was in active service daily, never having been confined in a hospital, nor sent to the rear. After his discharge he returned to Pomeroy and for one year was engaged in the management of a shoe-store for Capt. T. J. Smith. He then returned to England on a visit. Having remained in his native land for four months he returned to Pomeroy and took charge of the coal banks owned by D. B. Horton, and for nineteen years continued as manager of the same. In 1888 he was elected treasurer of Meigs county, Ohio, and was renominated in June, 1890, for a second term. Mr. Dyke has also held the office of trustee of Sutton township, Meigs county. He is a member of the Gamaliel Bartlett post, G. A. R. November 22nd, 1876, he was married to Miss Sarah Branch, daughter of Hosmer Branch, of Pomeroy, by whom he has had one child, R. Dyke. Mr. Dyke's father's name was John, a native of Somersetshire, England, where he was born in 1786. His wife was Elizabeth Walter. These parents had eight children, named as follows: Jane, Robert, John, Mary Damant, Sarah, William (deceased), Anna and Arthur. John, the father, died about the year 1870; his wife survived him until June, 1890.

George Eiselstein is a native of Oppau, Germany, where he was born January 13, 1833. He was brought to America in 1840, by his parents, who settled in Pomeroy, Ohio, where George was given the advantages of a common school education. At the age of twelve years he was employed as a clerk in the store of Ralston & Stivers, with whom he remained until 1852, after which he remained with Mr. Stivers, the firm having been dissolved. Later a Mr. H. H. Swallow purchased an interest in the business, and Mr. Eiselstein continued with the new firm for one year, at the expiration of which time Mr. Stivers retired. In 1861, our subject was made a partner in the business, the firm name being Eiselstein & Swallow. After five years, H. H. Swallow purchased his share, and Mr. Eiselstein then embarked in the general mercantile business, which he operated from 1866 to

1882. In the latter year he took his son, Theodore P., into the business, and the partnership existed up to 1889, when Mr. Eiselstein purchased his son's interest, and since that time has carried on the concern alone. He was married in 1857, to Sophia Ihle, daughter of Abraham Ihle. Theodore P., Anna (deceased), Augusta B. and Edith C. are the children of his marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eiselstein are active and valued communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church. John Eiselstein, the father of George Eiselstein, was born in Oppau, Germany, in 1798. He came to the United States with his family in 1840, and located at Pomeroy, Ohio. For a number of years he followed the vocation of mining, but some years prior to his demise was engaged in agriculture. He died February, 1884, and his wife in the year 1881.

Dietrich Findling, a citizen of Pomeroy, Ohio, is a native of Oppau, Germany, where he was born February 18, 1831. In 1850 Mr. Findling came to this country and settled at Pomeroy, Ohio, where he learned the plasterer's trade, at which he worked until 1862. January 1, 1862, he enlisted in Company M, First West Virginia cavalry. Having been mustered in as a private, March 12, 1863, he was made sergeant. January 2, 1865, he received his honorable discharge from the army, having been in the following battles: Winchester, second Bull Run, Gettysburg, Fisher's Hill, Whittville, Martinsburg, Moorfield, Bloomery Gap, Warrington, Culpepper Court House, Kelly's Ford, Lynchburg, Christiansburg, Hanover and others. He then worked at his trade until 1885, when he retired, being at present engaged in taking contracts. In August, 1854, Mr. Findling married Elizabeth, daughter of John Beutel, who has borne him the children hereafter mentioned: Mary Klein (deceased), Kate Vincent, Charles, John, Edward, Louis, Christof (deceased), Dana (deceased) and Clara (deceased). Mr. Findling is a prominent member of Rhine lodge, I. O. O. F., and also of Pomeroy lodge, F. & A. M., and of Gamaliel Bartlett post, G. A. R. Both he and wife are active communicants of the German Evangelical Luthern church. Dietrich Findling is the son of Jacob Findling, who was born at Oppau, Germany, in 1773, and died in 1839. Three children were born to Jacob and Barbara (Fick) Findling — who were married in 1816 — Valentine (deceased), Christof and Dietrich. The mother died in 1870, while living with her son in this country.

Henry C. Fish, one of the prominent young men of Pomeroy, was born in Louisville, Ky., May 9, 1858. He received his early schooling in Meigs county, Ohio, to which place his parents removed in 1861. They settled on a farm which belonged to his grandfather, and on this farm he remained until he had reached his majority. At this time he entered the seminary at Tupper

Plains, and for the next six years his time was passed in gaining a more extended education. April 22, 1885, Miss Ella H. Hill, daughter of Robert Hill, joined her fortunes with his in the bonds of matrimony. A son, Ransom L. Fish, is the fruit of this happy union. Mr. Fish was elected a trustee of Olive township, Meigs county, in the spring of 1887, but resigned this position in the fall of the same year. Soon after his resignation he was elected clerk of the circuit and common pleas courts, and in June, 1890, received a re-nomination for this important office. Mr. Fish is a member of Pomeroy lodge, No. 164, F. & A. M., and also of Pomeroy chapter, No. 80, R. A. M., and of Bosworth council. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fish are communicants of the Presbyterian church. Francis Fish, father of the above, was born in Orange township, Meigs county, Ohio, February 22, 1820. October 16, 1855, he was married to Elizabeth Bosworth, by whom he had five children, named: Charles (now deceased), Henry C., William E., James R. and Laura (deceased). The father died June 27, 1885. His father, Absalom Fish, was born at Bridgewater, Mass., and came to Meigs county, Ohio, in 1817, where he passed the balance of his life, dying there in 1866.

John Franz was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 14, 1811. Coming to this country in 1840, he settled at Sidney, Ohio. Here he carried on a shoe business for fifteen years, after which he established a restaurant, removing to Point Pleasant just after the close of the Rebellion. Here he purchased the Union House and established a hotel business until 1878, and then retired from business. In 1840 he married Barbara Wehner, who bore him eleven children: John A., Otto (deceased), Clemance (deceased), Edmund, Mary Kuntz (deceased), Anna Schaefer, Amelia Lambrecht (deceased), Henry J., Joseph (deceased), Josephine (deceased), and Elizabeth Hagmann. The mother of these children died in 1883. John A. Franz, son of the above mentioned parents, and the subject of this sketch, was born in Sidney, Ohio, March 20, 1842. At the age of fourteen years he entered the employ of John Wagner, who at that time owned a brewery at Sidney. Until he was about twenty years of age Mr. Franz remained in the employ of Mr. Wagner. At the expiration of that time he went to California, in 1862, and for one year was engaged in gold digging. Receiving an appointment as foreman in a brewery he retained the position for four years, and then returned to Pomeroy, Ohio, where he was foreman in a brewery for three years longer, after which he established a restaurant and hotel business which he operated until 1872. In the latter year he went to Piqua, Ohio, and established a meat business, remaining there but one year. Returning to Pomeroy, his next venture was in the grocery and liquor business, in which he still continues, and carries the largest stock in Meigs county.

In May, 1869, Barbara Schorn, daughter of Joseph Schorn, became his wife. Edward J., Joseph H., Anna M., Clara J., Elizabeth L., Amelia M., John H., Charles A. and Albert L. Franz are the fruit of this marriage. Mr. Franz is a member of the Rhine lodge, Pomeroy encampment, and Patriarchs militant, of the I. O. O. F., and is a supporter of the republican party.

Robert Clifton Garrett was born in Vinton Furnace, Vinton county, Ohio, August 25, 1860. When nine years of age his parents removed to St. Louis, where he attended school until he had reached his eighteenth year, when he became an employe in his father's store at LaGrange, Tenn., remaining there for about four years, when he went to Greendale, Colo., and embarked in the cattle business. After two years he accepted a position with the Norton Iron works, at Ashland, Ky., as receiving clerk and remained with them for two years, after which he went into the brick business at Furnace, Ohio. Having resided in the latter place for three years, he then removed to Middleport, Ohio, where he formed a partnership with R. D. McManigal in the brick business, and this firm still exists. In August, 1886, Mr. Garrett was married to Harriet Thompson, daughter of Nevil Thompson, of Zanesville, Ohio, and they have one son, Robert H. Mr. Garrett is a member of the Middleport Mystic Circle, and is a firm republican. His father was John C. Garrett, who was born in Lawrence county, Ohio, in 18—. In 18— he married Fannie McManigal, who bore him six children: Robert C., William O., Harry (deceased), Edward, Jessie (deceased), and Glidden. The father was a furnaceman and had works at Vinton, Union Furnace, Ohio, and also at LaGrange, Tenn. He died in 1884. He was the son of Clifton Garrett, who was also a furnaceman.

David Geyer was born in Bavaria, November 21, 1819. He came to this country in 1835. May 20, 1841, he married Anna Maria Berg, who bore him the following named children: Mary Winters, David, Kate Weed, Maggie Probst, Sadie Murdock, Dana S. and Ella. David was the son of John Geyer, also a native of Germany, where he first saw light in 1776. The year in which he emigrated to the United States was 1847. He died at Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1853. David Geyer, Jr., son of David and grandson of John Geyer, was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, August 28, 1845. He graduated from the public schools at the age of thirteen years, and at once began active life by working for his father in a soap factory. He was thus employed until about 1863, when he secured a position as clerk in the grocery store of E. C. Paden & Brother. Having remained in their employ for six months Mr. Geyer then became connected with the firm of Davis & Geyer. After one year with the latter house he was employed by the firm of S. A. M. Moore & Co., with whom he re-

mained until 1867. At the latter date he again worked for his father for a time, and then went west, locating at St. Louis, where he remained until 1871, having been a clerk in the dry goods house of William Barr & Co. Returning to Pomeroy he formed a partnership with his father in a general store. This firm having been dissolved in 1878, Mr. Geyer, one year later, established a dry goods business of his own. By persistent and intelligent effort, combined with honesty in his every deal, he has succeeded in building up a large trade, and is now recognized as one of the leading merchants of the city. October 26, 1876, Lina Sayre, of Letart Falls, Ohio, daughter of Ephraim I. Sayre, became his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Geyer's home has been brightened by the advent of three children: Dana S., Helen and Ernest E.

August Goessler came to the United States from Germany when but nine years of age. He was born at Stuttgart, Germany, September 2, 1852. Upon arriving in this country, he settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he obtained his early schooling. When thirteen years old he was apprenticed to the jeweler's trade, and was thus occupied until 1873. In the latter year he came to Pomeroy, Ohio, and embarked in the jewelry business, and he still conducts that business, having met with much success, and having gained the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends, both in the business and social world. In 1875 he was married to Augusta Rentzsch, daughter of Frederick Rentzsch. One daughter named Norma is the offspring of their happy union. Mr. Goessler is a member of Pomeroy lodge, F. & A. M. also of Pomeroy chapter, R. A. M. He upholds the principles laid down by the republican party. His father was Gottfrey Goessler, who was born in the Black Forest, Germany, in 1824, and was married in 1847 to Catharine Drexel, by whom he had four children: Christian, August, Henry and Louise Keller (deceased). The father of these children died in 1855, and the mother in 1874. John Goessler was the father of Gottfrey. He was also a native of Germany, having been born in that country in 1775. He died in 1855.

Samuel J. Grant, of Middleport, Ohio, was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, April 10, 1838, and attended the schools at Pomeroy and Middleport, subsequently taking a commercial course at a business college in Pittsburg. When nineteen years old he began working in his father's flour mill at Middleport, remaining with him for two years, after which he went to New Orleans, as a clerk in a clothing store. Returning to Middleport in 1861, he went into partnership with his father and an uncle, William H. Grant (now retired), in the milling business, in which he is still engaged. He and a younger brother, Charles, are principal stockholders, the concern now being known as the Middleport Flour Co.,

and of which he is secretary and treasurer, and Charles Grant, president. In June, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fortieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, Ohio National Guard, as first lieutenant, and was discharged from the service in the following fall. He is a member of Middleport lodge, No. 363, F. & A. M. In 1860 he married Susannah E. Nye, daughter of John M. Nye, and eleven children have been born to them, named: Charles M. (deceased), Belle (deceased), A. Homer, Maud, Samuel J., Milton N., Carlton J., Helen, Bessie N., Ruth and John (deceased). John Grant, the father of the above, was born in Maine, in 1811, and came to Meigs county, Ohio, with his parents in 1819. In 1837 he married Mary G. Roup, by whom he had four children: Samuel J., Frank, Charles, Mary E. Teeter (deceased). The father was a tanner by trade, but after his marriage went into the milling business at Middleport, which he carried on until his death, in 1888. The mother died in 1879, at her home in Middleport. Samuel Grant, the father of John, was born in Maine, in 1775. In 1819 he settled in Meigs county, Ohio. In 18— he married Hannah Davis, a cousin of the late Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States. Samuel Grant died in 1867. Mr. Samuel J. Grant is extensively interested in various different enterprises. In 1889, in company with his brother, Mr. Frank Grant, he established a brick manufacturing business, and this concern now carries on an immense business.

John Grogan, a representative citizen of Middleport, Ohio, was born in Durham county, England, July 18, 1825. He was given a fair schooling before coming to this country, in 1848. He first located in Connecticut, after which he removed to Pittsburg, and from here to Steubenville, Ohio, thence to Kanawha county, W. Va., where he remained until 1851, when he came to Pomeroy, Ohio, where he was employed in the salt works. In 1852, he went overland to California, but after two years returned to Kanawha county, W. Va., where he resided until the breaking out of the war. At this time Mr. Grogan removed to Middleport, Ohio, and has since been a resident of that city, having been the superintendent of the Dabney salt furnace at that place from that time until 1885. In 1863 he enlisted in a company of Eighth Ohio battery, and received an honorable discharge about 1868. For nine years he as been a member of the city council of Middleport, and is a prominent member of the Middleport lodge, F. &. A. M., Salisbury chapter, Bosworth council and Ohio Valley commandery, also of the Ohio Division of Independent Foresters, being the first grand ranger of the order in the state. He is also a member of the Mineral lodge and Pomeroy encampment of the I. O. O. F., and for the past three encampments has represented the Foresters at the grand encampment. Before

leaving his native shores, in May, 1845, he married Mary Mathewson, by whom he had the following children: Robert, Taylor, Ellen Heptunstall and five others now deceased. In 1880, Mrs. Grogan died, and two years later Ellen Longstaff became his wife. Mr. Grogan is the son of John Grogan, who was born in England about the year 1794. He married Betsey Humes in 1824, and four children blessed their union: John, Robert (deceased), Mary Davis and Elizabeth Haswell (deceased). John Grogan was a member of the Sixty-sixth regiment of the British army, and was a musician in the regimental band. He was stationed on the Island of St. Helena with his regiment during the imprisonment there of Napoleon Bonaparte. He died in 1834, and his wife having survived him until 1886.

George B. Grow, the descendant of an old and patriotic American family, and a prominent citizen of Pomeroy, Ohio, was born in Chester, Ohio, March 24th, 1827. He was educated at the Chester academy. In 1845 he entered upon his active career by teaching school at Great Bend, Meigs county, Ohio. Having moved to Pomeroy, Ohio, in the meantime, he taught in the public schools there until 1856, when he accepted the position of book-keeper for the Pomeroy Rolling mills. After two years he became the book-keeper for the Pomeroy Coal company, retaining that position for two years. In 1860 he was elected county treasurer of Meigs county and served four years, at which time he was made the manager of the Sugar Run Salt company. Having filled that responsible position for twelve years Mr. Grow, in 1877, returned to the Pomeroy Rolling mill as book-keeper, but only remained for one year, when he entered the employ of the Ohio River Salt company, with whom he remained until 1880. In 1881 he again returned to the Pomeroy Rolling mill, as book-keeper, remaining there this time for four years. In 1886 he accepted the position of book-keeper for the Peacock Coal company, and is still employed in that capacity. In 1863 he was appointed deputy revenue collector for Meigs county, holding that office until 1867. During his incumbency of the county treasurer's office Mr. Grow also acted as township treasurer. He also served a number of terms as a member of the Pomeroy city council, and for thirteen years as a prominent member of the board of education. Mr. Grow is a Mason. On the 25th of August, 1853, he married Alma A. Chamberlain, daughter of John Chamberlain, of Washington county, Ohio. Nine children are the fruit of this union: Harry L. (deceased), George B., Jr. (deceased), Nettie A. Huntley, Mary E., a daughter who died in infancy, John D., Willard A., Eunice L. and Charles D. Hiram H. Grow, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Vermont, May 26, 1800. He came to Meigs county with his parents in 1802. December

25th, 1825, he married Elizabeth Bartley, by whom he had five children: George B., Nancy Laughead (deceased), Elizabeth Cook (deceased), Martha A. Branch (deceased), and Edwin H. (deceased). The father died February 26, 1868, and the mother February 26, 1872. Hiram was the son of Peter Grow, who was born in Vermont in 1764, and died in Chester, Ohio, in March, 1837.

George Hatch, an honored and much esteemed citizen of Pomeroy, Ohio, and one of the nation's patriots, was born in Norwich, Vt., on September 24, 1827. He was educated at the Norwich university. Having learned the tinner's trade he followed it until 1847, when he enlisted in Company D, Ninth New England regiment of infantry, commanded by Gen. Ransom. He fought bravely in the battles of Contraras, Churubusco and Chapultepec and was present at the capture of the City of Mexico. He was quartered in a convent in that city for several months, acting as a guard to silver ore trains. After the close of the Mexican war he returned to Vermont and remained there for eighteen months, after which he removed to Cuba, New York, where for five years he was engaged in his trade. At the expiration of this time he came to Pomeroy, Ohio, working there until the first call of troops, when he enlisted for three months in Company D, Eighteenth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, under Captain Curtis. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted, joining the Ninety-second regiment in Company B. He was mustered in as first lieutenant and served for eighteen months, when he received his final honorable discharge from the service on account of ill health. He is totally blind from the privations which he underwent while serving his country in the rebellion. And here let us pause to give heroism its due. First to answer to the call of duty in two of his country's wars, he did not falter until a diseased, racked frame forbade further toil. Happy in the possession of a patriot's conscience he is passing his declining years in peace. In 1864, Mr. Hatch married Sarah, daughter of John Lowery, by whom he had two children, Carrie G. and George B. (deceased). His wife died October 19, 1883. She was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a true wife and loving mother. Benjamin Hatch was the father of our subject. He was born near White River Village, Vt., and married Susannah Dutton. Their nine children are: Pascal, Wolcott, William, Edward, George, Susan, Eldridge (deceased), Louisa Robinson, Mary Church (deceased), and Carrie Mead (deceased). The first four of these children are dead. The father of this family died in Cuba, N. Y., about the year 1853, and his wife followed him to the eternal sleep two years later, in 1855.

William M. Hartinger, the leading druggest of Middleport,

Ohio, was born at Rutland, Meigs county, Ohio, December 6, 1838. He was educated in the schools of Pomeroy, Middleport, and was a student for one term at Vinton, Gallia county, Ohio. Having attained to the years of manhood he taught school for several terms in both Gallia and Meigs counties. August 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Ninety-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, as a private. April 12, 1864, he was made corporal and held that rank at the time of his discharge, June 10, 1865. He served his country faithfully and well in the twenty-eight battles, among which may be mentioned the following: Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Brown's Ferry, Mission Ridge, was on the memorable march from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Buzzard Roost, was with Sherman's March to the Sea, and then marched from Savannah to Raleigh, thence to Richmond and Washington, where he participated in the Grand Review. After his return from the war, Mr. Hartinger embarked in the drug business at Middleport with Dr. H. C. Waterman, the firm name being Waterman & Co. This partnership lasted until December, 1868, when Dr. Waterman retired, and one year later D. S. Hartinger, brother of William M., was taken into the firm, under the firm name of W. M. Hartinger & Co. In 1881, Mr. D. S. Hartinger sold his interest to his brother and the business has since been conducted by the latter. December 30, 1866, Mary M. Covert, daughter of Morris Covert, of Middleport, became his wife, three children being the issue of their union: Arthur W., Emma L. and William C. William M. Hartinger is a son of William B. Hartinger, who was born in Gallia county, Ohio, December 31, 1814. He resided in Meigs county from early youth, where he owned and operated a farm. In 1835, he married Phœbe Skinner, and to them were born these children: Electa L., William M., Hysell, Catharine L. Smith, Isaac W. (killed in the service of his country during the late war), and Daniel S. The mother died in 1885, in Rutland township, Meigs county, Ohio, in her seventy-fourth year. Mr. Hartinger, father of William B., was a Virginian. Mr. William M. Hartinger is a member of Middleport lodge, F. & A. M., and of Star lodge, I. O. O. F., and also of Middleport post, No. 398, G. A. R. For three years he has served as a member of the Middleport city council, and as town treasurer for eight years; and has served two terms on the board of education, of which he is now a third term member and its president. He is a man of unusual enterprise and ability and commands the respect of the entire community, as his repeated elections to important public offices fully attest.

Cornelius Hoff was born in West Virginia on August 12th, 1802. He was a Baptist clergyman of wide repute. On the 14th day of February, 1822, he married Jane White, who bore him three children: Josiah W., Harriet Davidson and Ann E. Hop-

kins (deceased). The father died on the 18th day of January, 1880, and the mother on the 16th day of June, 1881. He was the son of Anthony Hoff, who was born at Trenton, N. J., in 1757, and died on the 16th day of June, 1837. His father was John Hoff, who came from Baden-Baden, Germany, to Trenton, N. J., twenty years before the Revolution. Of the four sons who fought in that war two of them were killed. Josiah W. Hoff, son of Cornelius, was born in Harrison county, W. Va.—near Clarksburgh—December 10, 1822. In 1841 he entered Rector college, in Taylor county, W. Va., remaining there three years. He then went into the office of Drs. Eyster & Carr, at Pruntytown, W. Va., and subsequently was graduated from Jefferson Medical college, at Philadelphia. After leaving college he returned to West Virginia and opened an office in Jackson county but only remained there two years, after which he moved to Elizabeth, Wood county, W. Va., where he remained until the war broke out, when he removed to Racine, Ohio, staying there until 1870. At the latter date Dr. Hoff settled in Pomeroy and has since lived there. He has built up a large practice, and has gained an extended reputation for skill in his profession. In 1847 he was united in marriage to Sarah, a daughter of Levi Hopkins, of Wood county, W. Va. Dr. and Mrs. Hoff have been been blessed in the birth of the birth of the following named offspring: Lulu M., Florence V., Thomas, Helen M., Howell, Nelville S., Henry O., J. Frank and Edward R. Mr. Hoff has been a member of the city council, and has also been a member of the board of education. He is a member of Pomeroy lodge, F. & A. M., and of the Meigs County Medical society, the Ohio Valley Medical society, the Ohio State Medical society, the American Medical association, and also of the International Medical congress.

William Horden was born in Witworth, Durham county, England, March 9, 1843, and came to America with his parents when a child, settling at Clarksville, Penn., where they remained until about 1850, when they removed to New Castle, Penn. Remaining in the latter place until about 1852, they went to West Columbia, W. Va., thence after two years' residence, to Middleport, Ohio. The total number of years which Mr. Horden was permitted to attend school was less than two, owing to the financial circumstance of his parents. When nineteen years of age he rented a room and began mending shoes on a capital of $2.60, and from that humble beginning has steadily advanced by his own industry and enterprise, until he is now one of the successful and wealthy business men of Middleport, with an enviable reputation for strict honesty and fair business methods. He was united in marriage October 27, 1867, to Mary J. Ramsey, daughter of John Ramsey, of Middleport. Three children are the is-

sue of this union: William T., Alice J. and Edith. Mr. Horden is a prominent member of the city council, and also of Star lodge, I. O. O. F., having held every chair in that lodge; he is also a member of Middleport lodge, No. 363, F. & A. M. William Horden, father of the above, was born in Durham county, England, August 24, 1809, and emigrated to America in 1849. He was a shoemaker by trade. He married Alice Nixon September 10, 1832, and to them were born these children: Richard (deceased), Ann Clingensmith (deceased), Thomas (deceased), Margaret Autherson, Alice Schriener (deceased), William, Richard, John, Mary J., Elizabeth M. and Emma (deceased). The mother died March 28, 1864, her husband having preceded her to the grave May 15, 1861.

Christian Kuntz was born at Washington C. H., Ohio, January 11, 1849. At the age of twelve years, having previously been engaged in obtaining a common school education at Marietta, Ohio, he went to work in a bucket factory, where he was employed for three years, after which he entered the employ of the Marietta Chair company, remaining with that concern from 1863 to 1869. At this time Mr. Kuntz removed to Pomeroy and secured a place with John C. Probst as a varnisher. For twelve and a half years he held the latter position, and then obtained a clerkship with J. A. Franz in the grocery business, remaining with him for eight years. In January, 1888, in company with H. V. Bailey, he embarked in the grocery trade. This firm has met with gratifying success, and is now one of the leading houses in that line in the city. Mr. Kuntz has been twice married; his first wife having been Mary N. Franz, to whom he was married June 3, 1873. Two children came of this union: John A. and Herman H. Mrs. Kuntz died January 9, 1884, and five years later, May 23, 1889, he took unto himself a wife in the person of Lily E. McKnight. Mr. Kuntz is a member of Rhine lodge and Pomeroy Encampment, I.O.O.F., and is a republican in politics. His father, Christian Kuntz, was born at Oldenburg, Germany, March 18, 1824, and emigrated to America in 1848, settling in Marietta, Ohio. He was a stone mason by trade. His marriage to Elizabeth Gish was solemnized June 22, 1840, four children having been born to them, as follows: John, Christian, Kate Pfaff (deceased), and Julia McCollister. Mr. Kuntz died May 14, 1881, his wife having preceded him to the grave May 19, 1868. Joseph Kuntz was also a native of Germany, where he died in 1830. He was the father of Christian Kuntz, Sr.

Thornton Mallory, one of the most prominent and successful citizens of Meigs county, first saw the light in Monongahela county, W. Va., June 7, 1831. About the year 1835 his parents removed to Racine, Ohio, and there he was given a fair education. When fourteen years old he went on the Ohio river as

cabin-boy, finally becoming steward, running between Cincinnati and New Orleans a greater part of the time. Before he was seventeen years old he purchased a house and two lots, and a wagon and black-smith shop which he gave to his father. In 1854 he gave up his position on the steamboat and bought produce, which he floated down the river. He continued in this until 1860, and two years later, on the 12th of August, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Sixteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, as first lieutenant of the company. After five months he was promoted to a captaincy for honorable conduct, and was placed in command of Company A, of the regiment in which he had enlisted. At the time of his discharge, in July, 1865, he held that rank. Capt. Mallory fought in the following battles: Opakin, Big Cedar Creek, Winchester, Newmarket, Piedmont, Lynchburg, and was before Richmond during the memorable year of 1865; he was present at the time of Lee's surrender at Appomatox, and besides these engagements was in many other fights and skirmishes of minor importance. Returning home he was engaged in buying and selling produce until 1869, when he was elected sheriff of Meigs county, and was again elected to that office in 1871. In 1872, while still holding the sheriff's office, Mr. Mallory was elected treasurer of Meigs county, and received the honors of that position again in 1874. In 1865 he was made a trustee of Sutton township, Meigs county, and held that place until 1869, when he resigned to take the sheriff's office. For two terms he has been a councilman of Racine, and for several terms a member of the board of education. Mr. Mallory has been twice married, his first wife having been Elizabeth J. Crowser, to whom he was united in wedlock September 3, 1853. James G., Elvada Windom, Eva Kay (deceased), Emma S. Mitchell, Edward J., Cornelius V. and Alberto, were the fruits of this marriage. The mother died August 13, 1869, and Lydia A. Cross became his wife, October 18, 1881, and one daughter has been born to them, Minnie M. Mr. Mallory is a member of the F. & A. M. Edward Mallory, father of the above, was born in Norfolk, Va. In 1828 he married Emily Myers, who bore him eight children: James G. (deceased), Thornton, Meredith (deceased), Benjamin, Eliza Sprague, Edward, Charles K. and Drusilla (deceased). Edward Mallory died in 1864, his wife having preceded him to the grave one year prior to that date. Edward was the son of Edward Mallory, a Virginian. He was a sea-captain, and was murdered on the high seas during a mutiny.

William McKnight was born in New Brunswick May 22, 1836, and came with his parents to Pomeroy, Ohio, when one year old. Until he had reached the age of twenty he remained with his father on his farm in Salem township, Meigs county, Ohio. In

the meantime he had been given a thorough course of instruction in the common schools. Leaving the paternal farm he came to Pomeroy, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. Having mastered the details of that trade, he was employed by the Pomeroy Coal company until 1876, at which time he opened a shop of his own, and has since been engaged in that business. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fortieth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged therefrom in the following September. On the 8th of October, 1857, he was married to Margaret Richardson, daughter of William and Mary Richardson, who was born in Dumfries, Scotland, November 5, 1839. Ten children have been born to them, as follows: Lillias E., Frances E., Mary Alice, Clemantine R., Charles W., Jessie M. (deceased), Harriet B., Margaret E., Howard W. and Homer B. Mr. McKnight is a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, as is also his wife. Samuel McKnight, his father, was born in Scotland in 1804. In 1837 he emigrated to America, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a farmer and carpenter. His marriage to Elizabeth Jardine was solemnized in 1825. Eleven children were born of this union: Samuel, Joseph, Christina, Elizabeth (deceased), Isabella (deceased), William, Francis H., Mary J., Jennette (deceased), Eliza A. and George (deceased). Samuel McKnight died in 1878, and his wife in 1885. They were industrious, God-fearing people, and made the most of their lives.

William L. McMasters was born in Pomeroy, May 27, 1836. After acquiring a good education he taught school for a time and then learned the carpenter's trade. In the fall of 1860, he went to Baton Rouge, and was there at the breaking out of the rebellion. He returned to Pomeroy, and July, 1861, enlisted in Company C, Fourth West Virginia infantry, as a private. In two months he was promoted to orderly, and two months later was made second lieutenant, and in November, 1862, was promoted to a first lieutenancy. In December, 1864, he was given a captain's commission, and placed on the staff of Gen. J. A. J. Lightburn. He was honorably discharged January 28, 1865, and returned to Pomeroy. In 1866 he was elected sheriff of Meigs county and served two terms. In 1880 he moved to Middleport, and was at once appointed clerk of the town, which office he has held until the present time. Mr. McMasters was married, in 1864, to Martha, daughter of John Waterman. In the following October his wife died. In April, the 26th day, 1866, he was married to Lydia A. Wesse, daughter of John J. Wesse, and to them were born six children: John W. (deceased), Mary D., James C., W. Homer, Carlos L. and Alma. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. Mr. McMasters is a son of John McMasters, who was born in Scotland in the year 1800. Emi-

grating to America in 1830, he settled in New York, but subsequently removed to Pomeroy, Ohio. Mary A. McCormick became his wife, and two children were born to them, William L., and Matilda. The father died at Pomeroy in October, 1863, his wife having died in 1854, at Langseville, Ohio. Lennox McMasters was the father of John. Lennox was born in Scotland.

George McQuigg first saw the light in Meigs county, Ohio, November 25, 1830. His education was acquired in the common schools and at the academy at Pomeroy. At the age of twenty-one years he went to Columbia, Ark., where for about two years and a half he was engaged as clerk in a store. He then returned to Meigs county, and settled on his father's farm. Owing to the death of his father, which occurred soon after his return, Mr. McQuigg remained on the farm for four years. At this time he embarked in the tanning business at Pomeroy and continued in this until the outbreak of the war, when he engaged in contracting with the government for horses and feed. For many years he occupied the office of telegraph operator at Pomeroy, and was thus engaged during the famous Morgan raid. About the year 1868 he accepted the position of general agent for the Ohio River Salt company, and has since been connected with this concern in that capacity, having been an inspector for the company several years previous to his assuming the general agency of the company. Mr. McQuigg has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Caroline Smith, to whom he was married in 1852. Two children were born to them: Lucy M. (deceased) and John, now cashier of the Pomeroy National Bank. The mother died in 1857. In the same year he married Kate M. Edwards. The latter union has resulted in the birth of three children: Emma, Charles, and Anna Follett. Mr. McQuigg is a member of Pomeroy lodge, No. 164, F. & A. M., and of Pomeroy chapter, No. 80, R. A. M., and also of Bosworth council, No. ——. John McQuigg, who was the honored father of our subject, was born in Tioga county, N. Y. About the year 1828 he removed to Meigs county, Ohio. Electa W. Miles became his wife, and bore him the following children: George and Francis E. The father passed to his reward in 1853. Mrs. McQuigg still surves her husband, and finds a happy shelter for her old age with her son, Mr. George McQuigg.

Griffith Michael was born in North Wales, November 25, 1842. In 1848 he accompanied his parents to the United States and located at Middleport, Ohio, where he was given the educational advantages to be had at that time. When fourteen years old he entered the employ of a coal mining company, and was engaged in that work for twelve years. He then became connected with the co-operative store, of which he was a stockholder, and remained there four years, when he returned to the mines.

After two years spent in that employment he established a general store in Middleport, opening it in October, 1873. He still continues in that business, having met with much success. He was married October 5, 1865, to Susanna Johnson, daughter of John Johnson. Five children have been born into their home: Lizzie Thompson, Susie, Janie, William and Ethel. Mr. Michael has been a councilman of Middleport for two terms, and a member of the board of education for one term. He was a member of Mineral lodge, I. O. O. F., of Pomeroy, Ohio. John Michael, his father, was born in North Wales in 1805, and came to Middleport in 1848, where he died in 1861. He was a coal miner. In 1829 he married Elizabeth Parry, by whom he had the following named children: James (deceased), Catherine Edwards, Jane Edwards (deceased), Elizabeth Lewis (deceased), William, John, Griffith, Amelia Evans, Thomas and Edward. John Michael was the son of John, who was born and died in North Wales.

The Reverend Henry H. Miles was born in Meigs county, Ohio, April 6, 1840. He attended the Racine public schools, and later the Racine academy. After leaving school for fifteen years he was engaged in the marble business. At the expiration of this time he entered the ministry, and for five years was a minister in the Scioto conference of the United Brethren church. He traveled the Wilkesville charge in this conference. He then entered the West Virginia Methodist Episcopal conference, and has since been identified with that denomination, although he was compelled to retire from active work in 1888, on account of failing health. On December 29, 1862, Mr. Miles married Maria LeBlanche Burrelle, daughter of Dr. A. H. Burrelle, a resident of Athens county, Ohio, but a native of Maine. The following named children are the result of this felicitous union: Kate B. Cherrington, George E. (deceased), Emma C. Ogden, Mary G., Harry B., Charles O., Howard R., Edith F. and Estella LeBlanche Miles. John Buckminister Miles, father of H. H. Miles, was born in Maine, in the year 1801. He accompanied his parents to Meigs county, Ohio, in the same year. He was a farmer by occupation, and married Mary Johnson in the year 1831, by whom he had these children: Columbus, Jarvis, William Harvey, Benjamin L., Mary J. (deceased), Adeline Electa Cross, Henry H. and John W. The father of these children died July 2, 1865, at Racine, Ohio, and the mother has passed to her reward. John Buckminister Miles, a native of Maine, was born July 8, 1767, and married Cloe Jarvis, February 18, 1790. His wife died September 20, 1844. He came to Meigs county, Ohio, in 1801, and died in Rutland township, Meigs county, Ohio. He was buried on his farm, in a cemetery laid out by himself, and known as Miles cemetery to this day.

William H. Osborn first saw the light at Columbus, Ohio, December 8th, 1852. His parents removed to Pomeroy when he was but five years of age. After having finished his scholastic training, he began life for himself by learning the cabinet-makers' trade, but owing to an accident was obliged to give this up after serving an eighteen months apprenticeship. He then opened a book store in Pomeroy, in 1877, and has since continued in that business. At the same time of his entering business life, he was appointed agent of the Adams Express company, and he also continues in that capacity. Mr. Osborn is a member of Pomeroy lodge, No. 242, F. & A. M., and Pomeroy chapter, and Ohio Valley commandery Knights Templar. He was married October 28, 1875, to Minnie K. Allen, daughter of Moses W. Allen. Bertha L., Helen and Allen P. are the children that have grown up in their home. Mr. Osborn is an ardent republican. He is a valued citizen, and in his different vocations has won the confidence and esteem of the community at large. In connection with his other enterprises he is also traveling agent for the Ohio River railroad. William P. Osborn, the father of William H., was born in Meigs county, Ohio, March 1st, 1826. He was married February 26, 1852, to Delia A. Hoffman. Six children were born to them: William H., Mary (deceased), Beulah Antoinette, Frank (deceased), Jennie L. and Henry L. The father died in 1877, at his residence in Pomeroy. His father was Henry L. Osborn, who was a native of Windsor, N. Y., where he was born November 12, 1804. He was appointed associate judge of the court of common pleas of Meigs county, Ohio, March 2nd, 1844, and commissioned quartermaster of the First regiment, first brigade and second division of the Ohio militia, June 29th, 1829. He died in Pomeroy January 14, 1862.

V. J. Packard was born in Meigs county, August 19, 1844, his parents being O. L. S. and A. E. (Cowdery) Packard. The mother was born in Ohio in 1807 and is still living. Her parents were Jacob and Abigail Cowdery, born in Connecticut, of English extraction. They came to Meigs county in 1798, settling in Chester on a farm. He built the first grist- and saw-mill of the county. O. L. S. Packard was a ship carpenter and is still living at nearly eighty years of age. He settled in Athens county in 1832 and shortly afterward came to Meigs where he located on a farm. He has been clerk of the township for several terms. He and wife had nine children, five of whom died in early life. The living are Amanda M. (Mrs. J. T. Shoup), Warren L., who entered the army and died from the effects of the service, at the age of twenty-two, L. B., the second in the family, enlisted April 13, 1863, in an independent Ohio battery and died at Cairo, Ill., aged eighteen, after serving about three months; Virgil J., when eighteen years old, enlisted May 2, 1864, in Company K, One

Hundred and Fortieth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry and served in Kanawha valley for 100 days. After leaving the army he taught school for about twelve years in Ohio. He began the mercantile business in Reedsville in 1882 and has continued the same ever since. He began on very limited capital, but now carries a heavy stock and does an extensive business. He served two terms as clerk of his township, also two terms as justice of the peace and refused a re-election. At present he is on his fourth term as notary public and in all his official positions has given general satisfaction. Mr. Packard's marriage took place August 31, 1873, to Miss Lydia K., daughter of Thomas and Lydia Coleman of Meigs county. Their home has been brightened by the advent of three bright children: Roy, Clyde and Ethel. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in which our subject has been steward and Sunday school superintendent for many years. He has been a member of the Masonic order since 1873, also of the G. A. R. post and the O. D. I. F.

James Park, a prominent retired merchant of Middleport, Meigs county, Ohio, is a native of Scotland, having been born in Glasgow, December 11, 1830. In 1858 he was united in marriage to Agnes Thomson, at Coatbridge, Scotland. With his wife he emigrated to this country in 1859, settling at Middleport, Ohio, where in 1862 he embarked in the mercantile business, continuing therein until 1890, when he retired from active business life. His business career was marked by much ability and by the strictest integrity. He won his way to the honor and esteem of the community at the very start, and many friends rejoiced in his prosperity. Mr. Park was the son of William Park, who was born in Scotland in 1789. Susan Graham became his wife in 1822, and bore him four children: William, Duncan (deceased), James and Mary Lindsey. William Park, Sr., died in 1845, and his wife in 1861. They both lived and died in Scotland. James Park, father of William, was born in Scotland about the year 1760, and served for twenty-one years in the British army and navy. He was in the battle of Copenhagen, under Lord Nelson. His demise occurred in 1834. James Park, the subject of this mention, has served his city as a member of council for several years. His public life has been as clean as his private career, neither bearing a stain. He and his wife are communicants of the Presbyterian church.

William Park, brother of James, was born at Dumbarton Castle, Scotland, June 21, 1826. He left school at an early age and began work in the coal mines, where he remained for twenty-five years. In 1858 he emigrated to America and took up his residence at Middleport, Ohio. From 1858 to 1863, he was employed in the coal mines at that place. At the expiration of this time

Mr. Park entered business life, from which he retired in 1882. His marriage to Ellen Roy, daughter of William Roy, of Scotland, was solemnized in 1853. Mrs. Park died without issue in the year 1881. He married for his second wife Agnes Ward Wardruff, in 1883. Mr. Park is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, Ohio division, and also of Mineral lodge, No. 242, I. O. O. F., and has held most of the offices in the gift of both. His political faith is founded on the tenets of the National party.

William B. Pennington was born in Lanesville, Ind., Floyd county, November 30, 1815. His early schooling was obtained in the common schools of his native county. When he was fourteen years old his parents removed to New Albany, Ind., where he attended school for a little time. He went to Louisville, Ky., when sixteen, and there learned the cabinet-maker's trade, remaining in Louisville for three years, after which he returned to New Albany, and worked in the ship yards there for two years. He next secured employment in a pattern shop, after which he was employed as an engineer on the Ohio river. For four or five years he worked on the river as engineer, and for five years more served as head clerk and captain. In 1866 he embarked in the mercantile trade at Middleport, Ohio, and has since been engaged in business there. January 1st, 1835, he married Plomy Wheeler, daughter of George Wheeler, of Maysville, Ky., and three children are the issue of this union, Sarah J. Langhead, Ann M. Coats (deceased), and Mary R. Haymond. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington are both earnest and valued communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Pennington has been a class leader for about about forty-five years. He has also been a trustee and steward in that church for the same time. William B. Pennington is a fine example of a true American citizen. His business career is unsmirched by any stain, and his private life unimpeachable. Since his fourteenth year he has been a faithful and consistent member of the church, and has always proved himself ready to give time and money for the benefit of others. His success as a business man is ample proof of his ability and enterprise in that department of life. His father was Edward Pennington, a Virginian, born January 31, 1775. He lived until 1870, when his life closed in peace.

Charles E. Peoples, a prominent young attorney of Pomeroy, was born in Meigs county, Ohio, May 15, 1857, son of Addison and Huldah (Merritt) Peoples. The father was a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, and was a miller by trade, his father, Robert Peoples, was also a miller by trade. He was born December 28, 1802, in Washington county, Penn., and was a descendant of the Griffins on his mother's side, who were early settlers in Pennsylvania, and were natives of England. Our subject's father was a

descendant of the Peebles of Ireland, but in later years the name is spelled Peoples. Our subject was raised on the farm. He received a good common school education and attended the N. N. U. of Lebanon, Ohio. He taught school ten years. In 1879 he married Ann Cowen, daughter of George and Diadema (Jones) Cowen. To this union two children were born: Emmet and Evart. The mother was born in 1856, in Meigs county, Ohio. In 1885 our subject began the study of law in connection with teaching, and is now one of the leading lawyers of Pomeroy, and has by hard study prepared himself for his profession. In 1890 he became the democratic nominee for prosecuting attorney of Meigs county, and although the county gives about 1,500 republican majority, he was elected on the democratic ticket by a majority of 270, being the only democrat officer in Meigs county to occupy an office in the court house of Meigs county. He was elected justice of the peace of Bedford township when twenty-two years of age, and served five years. In February of the year 1889, he purchased the *Pomeroy Democrat*, and has since been connected with that popular paper, as editor and manager. He is a worthy descendant of so honorable a name, and if life and health be spared him, a bright and distinguished career awaits him in the field in which he already labors so successfully.

Hon. Lewis W. Philson (originally spelled Filson) was born in Racine, Meigs county, Ohio, November 29, 1841. He was graduated at Marietta in 1865, with the high honor of valedictorian. Soon after leaving college, he was appointed superintendent of the Racine schools, and served in that capacity until 1873. In 1869 he was elected surveyor of Meigs county, and served one term, declining the re-nomination. In November, 1873, he went to Knoxville, Tenn., and accepted the chair of mathematics in the Knoxville university, remaining there until 1877, at which time he returned to Racine. For about a year after his return, Mr. Philson was engaged in the flouring mill business. Since that time he has been following his profession of surveying, having in the meantime, taught for four years in the Pomeroy High school. On the 17th of April, 1870, he was united in marriage to Augusta Cowdery, daughter of Nelson Cowdery, of Meigs county, and ten children have been born into this cultured home, named: Maud (deceased) Esther (deceased) Clara, John R., Alban D., Mabel, Frederick, Mary, Ruth and Lewis. Mr. Philson has been honored by many important offices in the gift of the people. He has served two terms on the county board of examiners, and is now serving his third term, being president of the board. He is the present mayor of Racine, having served as such for about fifteen years. He is at present serving his third term as a justice of the peace, and for several years has been clerk of the city council. Mr. Philson is a member of Racine lodge, No. 461,

F. & A. M., and has been worshipful master of the lodge for several terms, and is the present incumbent of that office. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., and has represented the Racine lodge a number of times at the grand lodge. John Rush Philson, father of the above mentioned, was born in Adams county, Penn., July 7, 1819. He moved to Maryland with his parents when a child and passed his easly youth there. In 1838, he came to Meigs county, Ohio, and there he married Cynthia Ridding, by whom he had three children: Lewis W., Margaret E. McElroy and John R. Mr. Philson was a noted physician, and for two terms was a member of the state senate. He was surgeon of the Fourth virginia infantry during the war of the rebellion. His death occurred October 18, 1877, from injuries received in Sherman's expedition up Steele's Bayou. He was a son of David Philson, who was born at Lancaster, Penn., and died in Mercer county, Penn.

Doctor John Rush Philson (originally spelled Filson), first saw the light at Racine, Meigs county, Ohio, on the 3rd of June, 1855. Having received a thorough common school education, he began the study of medicine under the tutelage of his father, Dr. J. R. Philson, an eminent physician, at the age of sixteen years. In 1874 he entered Starling Medical college, at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. He then returned to Racine and commenced the practice of his profession. Dr. Philson has gained a wide reputation for professional skill, and is a worthy successor of his father. On the 26th day of May, 1886, he was united in marriage to Kate, daughter of Daniel Clark, of Racine, Ohio. Frankie and Esther are the two children born to them. Dr. Philson is a prominent member of Racine lodge, F. & A. M., and also of Racine lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W. He was a member of the pension board under President Garfield, and is a member of that distinguished body at the present time.

Lemuel Powell, a leading citizen of Middleport, Ohio, was born near Steubenville, Ohio, March 28, 1814. Until his sixteenth year he was a student in the common school of Jefferson county, but at that age went to Cincinnati, where he learned the carpenter's trade, remaining there for a year and a half. At the expiration of this time he returned to Steubenville, and was engaged in agriculture entil 1846, when he removed to Middleport, Ohio, near which he purchased a farm, which he still owns. In 1884, he and his son opened a grocery store in Middleport, the partnership continuing until 1887, when the son retired from the business. Mr. Powell was married in 1838, to Nancy Sook, by whom he had eight children, named: Henry (deceased), Lydia Edmundson, Lemuel W., David, Palaemon, Joseph E., Nannie Haslan and Emanuel (deceased). His wife died in 1856, and in

1860 he espoused Elizabeth Tingley, who bore him two children, Lyda M. and Carrie E. Mr. Powell has served as a township trustee for one term, and for over twenty years has been a member of the board of education. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fortieth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and for some time served as a home guard, also acting as assistant provost marshal. Mr. Powell is a member of the Swedenborgian church, and is held in the highest esteem by the community at large. He is a son of David Powell, who was born in Washington county, Penn., in 17—. Soon after his marriage to Lydia Newport, he came to Ohio. Twelve children were the issue of this marriage: Nancy Johnson (deceased), she was the first white child born in Chillicothe, Ohio; Jason (deceased), Ruel (deceased), Lavina Campbell (deceased), David (deceased), Palaemon (deceased), Elihu N. (deceased), Lydia Linduff (deceased), Lemuel, Elizabeth Sook (deceased), Silvanus and Mary Sook (deceased). The father passed to his reward in 1823, and the mother in 1844. James Powell, the father of David, was born in Powellstown, then a suburb of Philadelphia, which was laid out by his father. He was the first justice of the peace west of the Allegheny mountains.

A prominent and enterprising citizen of Pomeroy, is Mr. Henry Priode. Mr. Priode is a German by birth, having first seen the light in that country May 15th, 1832. When he was but eight years of age his parents emigrated to America, locating in Meigs county, Ohio, where the boy was given some schooling and subsequently apprenticed to the carpenter's trade. Having mastered the details of that craft he continued to follow it for a livelihood, both as carpenter and contractor, until 1874, at which time he embarked in the livery business, in which he has since successfully continued. He was married in 1854, to Margaret Capeheart, daughter of Philip Capeheart, by whom he has had eight children: Margaret Keene, Kate Mees, Anna Stander, George (deceased), Henry, Elizabeth Snider, Mena and Bertha. Mr. Priode has served six years as a street commissioner of Pomeroy, and for four or five years was the efficient chief of the city fire department. The family are members of the Lutheran church. Jacob Priode, the father of the subject of this biographical mention, was born in Germany, March 4, 1804, the son of Frank Priode, who was a native of France. After coming to this country in 1840, he engaged in farming in Meigs county, Ohio. While still a citizen of Germany he married, in 1825, Eve Wessa. Their children were: Elizabeth Geyer, Henry, John, Jacob, Catharine Schlagel, Mary Genheimer, Margaret Pfarr, Peter, Abraham, and two daughters who died in youth. The mother of these children passed to her reward in 1865.

Joseph N. Rathburn is a native of Rutland township, Meigs

county, Ohio, where he was born April 9, 1827. His time was about equally divided between the school-house and his father's farm until his twenty-first year. At that age he entered the employ of Seth Paine as a clerk in his general store, where he remained for four or five years. He then purchased an interest in the business. About the year 1858 Mr. Rathburn bought his partner's interest also and operated the business alone until 1880. In the latter year he was elected auditor of Meigs county, and after serving for three years, again received the election. His administration of the affairs of this important public trust was so satisfactory that the public called him to the office for a third term, which did not expire until September, 1890. For nine years Mr. Rathburn acceptably filled the position of treasurer of Rutland township, having been elected to that office in 1872. Miss Mary E. Austin became his wife February 11th, 1858. Mrs. Rathburn was a daughter of Elijah and Susan Austin. Two children have been born into their home: Charles F. and Milton E. Mr. Rathburn is a member of Middleport lodge, No. 362, F. & A. M., and in politics is a staunch republican. Elisha Rathburn was born in Granby, Conn., June 30, 1789, and came to Ohio about 1803, at which time he settled in Meigs county. His wife, Polly Giles, whom he married 1819, bore him six children: Clarissa C., Louisa (deceased), Roanna, wife of Seth Paine; Joseph N., Elizabeth D. and Henrietta (deceased). Elisha Rathburn was a minister of the Disciples church. He died in 1869, having lived a pious and useful life. His father's name was Daniel.

The Hon, Daniel A. Russell, a leading citizen of Pomeroy, Ohio, was born in Athens county, Ohio, September 2, 1840. He was fitted for college in the public schools of his county. Entering the Ohio university, at Athens, he remained there for two years, after which he became a student at the Ohio Wesleyan university, at Delaware, Ohio, where he also studied two years. Leaving college in 1860, he located at Pomeroy. For the first year he was employed in the county treasurer's office. Enlisting in Company E, Fourth Virginia infantry, on July 16, 1861, he served with valor and distinction as a private and was promoted to a second lieutenancy, August 22, 1861; and was again promoted in September, 1862, receiving a first lieutenancy. January 5, 1863, he was made captain of Company E, and was honorably discharged from his regiment September 11, 1864. February 3, 1865, he was appointed major of the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served in that capacity for eleven months, receiving his final discharge January 7, 1866. He took the part of a true soldier in the following battles: Hurricane Bridge, Charleston, W. Va., Polka, W. Va., Haines Bluff, Miss., siege of Vicksburg,

— was twice wounded at that siege — siege of Jackson, Mississippi, Cherokee Station, Missionary Ridge, Piedmont, W. Va., Lexington, Va., Lynchburg, Va., Snicker's Ferry, Va., Winchester, Va., Cumberland, and other famous engagements. Returning from the army he entered the Cincinnati law school, and was graduated therefrom in April, 1866. He was admitted to the bar at Cincinnati, at the time of his graduation. Having completed his law course Mr. Russell returned to Pomeroy, and with Lewis Paine, opened a law office, the partnership lasting for one year. At the expiration of this time he formed a co-partnership with John Cartwright. From 1867 to 1874, this firm existed, and our subject associated himself with his brother, F. C. Russell, and the partnership lasted until 1889. In 1873 he he was elected as a delegate to the constitutional convention, which met at Columbus, Ohio, to revise the state constitution. In 1888 he was elected judge of the fourth judicial circuit, of Ohio, comprising sixteen counties, for a term of six years. On the 16th of September, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Florence R. Ralston, daughter of James Ralston, and three children are the fruits of this union, named as follows: Ralston, Albert D. and Florence E. Mr. Russell is a member of Pomeroy lodge, F. & A. M., and of Pomeroy chapter, R. & A. M., and also of Bosworth council, and of Gamaliel Bartlett post, No. —, G. A. R. Daniel Russell, the father of our subject, was born in New Hampshire, in September, 1812, having removed to Meigs county, Ohio, in 1837. He was married in 1831, to Ruhany Jesseman. Seven sons were born to them, viz.: Francis C., Horace H., Joel J., Daniel A., Cyrus, William G. and Lorenzo A. The father died September 7, 1854. Oliver Russell was the father of Daniel, Sr. He was also a native of New Hampshire, and came to Ohio in 1837, with his son. He died in the state of his adoption in 1853.

The Hon. Francis Charles Russell, a descendant of an old and patriotic American family, first saw the light in Dorchester, Grafton county, N. H., on the 22nd day of June, 1833. He came to Lake county, Ohio, with his parents in 1836, removing thence to Athens county, Ohio, one year later, and in 1843, to Meigs county, Ohio, where he has since resided. His preliminary schooling was obtained in a log school-house in Carthage township, Athens county, Ohio. For a short time he attended the Coolville academy in Athens county, remaining on his father's farm until July 15, 1861, when he enlisted in Company C, Thirtieth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving with that company and regiment until April, 1863, when he resigned at Vicksburg, he having been promoted in the meantime to a second lieutenancy. He was then appointed captain of Company C, Fourth batallion of Ohio volunteer cavalry, and remained with that company un-

til it was mustered out in March, 1864. He was then mustered in as captain of Company A, Thirteenth regiment, Ohio volunteer cavalry, and served until February, 1865, when he was honorably discharged from further service on account of disability. In September, 1864, he was promoted to the position of major of the Thirteenth regiment of Ohio volunteer cavalry, and held that office at the time of his final discharge. Maj. Russell served in twenty-five battles and a large number of severe skirmishes. Among the campaigns in which he took an active part may be mentioned, Rosecrans' West Virginia campaign, in 1861, which was succeeded by Gen. Cox's expedition in the spring of 1862; Pope's campaign against Richmond, including the second battle of Bull Run, and others. McClellan's Maryland campaign then followed, including the battles of South Mountain and Antietam. He was with Grant in the siege of Vicksburg; with Burnsides in East Tennessee campaign; with Grant in the battles of the Wilderness, Petersburg and all other battles of that expedition. Returning home from the war, Mr. Russell took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar at Chillicothe, Ohio, September, 1871. He then returned to Pomeroy, and entered into a partnership with his brother Daniel A. Russell. In January, 1885, this firm was dissolved on account of the appointment of Mr. Russell to the position of judge of the common pleas court, by Gov. Hoadley. He held that office until his successor was elected sometime later. The partnership with his brother was then resumed, and continued until November, 1888, when his brother was elected judge of the circuit court. In September, 1889, Francis C. Russell connected himself with Mr. M. S. Webster, for the practice of his profession, and this firm still exists. Mr. Russell married Mary J. Martin, daughter of Luther Martin, January 7th, 1855. Six children have grown up in this home, viz.: Albert F., Hiram H., Edwin C., Lelia McClean, William C. and Homer (now deceased). Mr. Russell is a member of the Middleport post, G. A. R.

Charles Schorn was born in Darmstadt, Germany, May 1st, 1842. Having received his education in his native land, he came to America in October, 1859. Landing at New York he remained there until the following February, working at his trade of a barber. He then went to Allegheny City, Penn., and lived there until August, 1860, at which time he removed to Pomeroy, Ohio, where he has since resided. September 8th, 1861, he enlisted in Company M, First West Virginia volunteer cavalry, having been mustered in as a private. In June, 1863, he was made chief bugler of his regiment and held that office at the time of his honorable discharge, July 8th, 1865. He was a member of the First cavalry corps of the army of the Potomac, third division, commanded by Gen. Sheridan. He was in the battles of Gettys-

burg, second Bull Run, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Whitville. Martinsburg, Moorfield, Bloomery Gap, Warrington, Culpepper Court House, Kelly's Ford, Lynchburg, Christiansburg, Hanover and many other skirmishes and engagements. Through all these trying times he bore himself as a true patriot and soldier, serving his adopted land no less valiantly because it was such. His crowning act of heroism was consummated at Appomatox Court House, on the 8th of April, 1865, when he captured the rebel flag which bore the name of Fort Sumter artillery flag. For this he was presented with a medal by the congress of the United States, bearing the following inscription: "The Congress to chief bugler Charles Schorn, chief bugler Company M, First West Virginia volunteer cavalry." Mr. Schorn married Mary Gloeckner, daughter of George Gloeckner, January 23, 1866, and eight children are the result of this union: Elizabeth, Charles J., Kate and Mary (twins), Anna, Clara, Amelia and Matilda. Mr. Schorn is a member of Gamaliel Bartlett post, No. 548, G. A. R., and he and wife are communicants of the Catholic church. Joseph Schorn, father of the above, was born in Abenheim, Germany, in 1817. He was married in 1840 to Matilda Schüsler. Their five children were Charles, Barbara Franz, Elizabeth Whippel, Mary Gloeckner and Joseph. The father died in February, 1862, and the mother in March, 1863. Joseph was a barber by trade. His father was Valentine Schorn, a native of Abenheim, Germany, where he was born in 1785. His demise occurred in the year 1853. He was a farmer by occupation.

William M. Shannon, a leading citizen of Racine, was born in Venango county, Penn., October 14, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of his native county, and also in the schools of Rutland and Lebanon townships, Meigs county, Ohio, his parents having removed to that county in 1856. On the 13th of August, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Fourth West Virginia infantry, as a private, and was honorably discharged from the service June 2, 1865. He was in the battles of Charleston, West Virginia, Vicksburg, Jackson, Mission Ridge, Piedmont, Lynchburg Raid, in which he was left on the field with a ball in his leg, and was captured by the enemy, and taken to Lynchburg, where the leg was amputated. Subsequently he was taken to Richmond and exchanged. After leaving the army he taught school in Meigs county, from 1867 to 1876, when he embarked in the mercantile business, in which he continued until 1886, at which time he retired from active business life. Mr. Shannon was married September 8, 1870, to Mary A. Farley, daughter of John Farley, of Meigs county. This happy marriage has been blessed by the birth of the following named children: William R., James C., George A., Sarah E. and Ella. For several terms Mr. Shannon

served the township of Letart as clerk and assessor. In June, 1890, he was nominated by the republican party for the office of recorder of Meigs county, and elected by a large majority. He is a prominent member of Racine lodge, No. 580, I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R. Mr. Shannon is the son of John Shannon, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1813. He married, in 1834, Sarah Fowell, and eleven children was the issue, named: Rachael Major, John D., William M., Margaret Anderson, David, Sarah Norris, Ann Sines, Andrew, Elizabeth Pickens, James and Ida Roush. John Shannon, Sr., grandfather of these children, was born in Pennsylvania in 1787, and died in the state of Pennsylvania in the year 1872. He served in the war of 1812.

Joseph V. Smith was born in Fayette county, Penn., January 24, 1816. He was educated in the schools of his native county, and later in the schools of Meigs county, Ohio, his parents having moved to that county in 1823. They settled on a farm in Orange township, where Joseph remained until he was twenty-two years of age, when he went to Washington county, Ohio, and there learned the plasterer's trade. Returning to Meigs county he followed his trade there until 1854, when he was elected sheriff of that county, serving two terms. Resuming his trade he continued in it until 1863, at which time he was appointed assistant provost marshal of the Fifteenth district of Ohio, and at the same time held the office of deputy United States marshal under President Lincoln. He served from April 1, 1863, to April 1, 1865, as deputy provost marshal, and as deputy United States marshal until April, 1864. During his incumbency of these offices he underwent many exciting experiences and had many narrow escapes. As provost marshal he arrested ninety-seven deserters from the United States army. Mr. Smith has been twice married. Rachael Hinkley became his first wife. She was a daughter of Abraham Hinkley. Marietta Simms (deceased), and Prussia Shilling were the offspring of this union. Mrs. Smith died in 1848, and January 1, 1870, he married Mary Foster, daughter of Isaac Foster. Mr. Smith's father was Stephen Smith, a native of New Jersey. At an early day he came to Fayette county, Penn., removing in 1823 to Meigs county, Ohio, where he died in 1841. His wife was Mary Smith, by whom he had fourteen children: Sallie Leighty, Adonijah, Firman, William, Josiah (all deceased), and Elizabeth Branch, Mary Tubbs, John (deceased), James, Isaac, Robert (deceased), two sons who died in infancy, and Joseph V. The mother died in 1856. Mr. Smith, grandfather of these children, was born in New Jersey.

Hon. Philemon B. Stanbery was born May 5, 1832, in Lancaster, Ohio. He is the son of Henry Stanbery. The latter was born in New York city in 1803. While in his youth he removed

with his parents to Zanesville, Ohio. Studying law, he was admitted to the bar at Gallipolis, Ohio, and soon after removed to Lancaster, Ohio, where he began the practice of his profession. While living in Lancaster he was married in 1829 to Frances E. Beecher, by whom he had five children: Francis E. (deceased), Henry (deceased), Philemon B., Louisa and George. Henry Stanbery died in July, 1881, and his wife in 1840. By a second marriage to Cecilia Bond, who also died May 1, 1889, Mr. Stanbery had no children. Philemon Beecher Stanbery, the grandfather, and the one for whom our subject was named, was a native of Virginia, where he was born. His death occurred some time about 1840. The Hon. Philemon B. Stanbery, a concise outline of whose life will now be given, was educated in the public schools, and later at the Kinsley Military academy, situated one mile below West Point. At the latter institution he remained from his thirteenth to his seventeenth year. Subsequently he matriculated at Kenyon college, and was a student in that excellent institution of learning for two years. He then entered the Ohio university at Athens, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1853. Having finished his collegiate training, Mr. Stanbery began active life as a member of a railroad civil engineering corps, then surveying the Ohio Central railroad, and also the Little Miami road. Having concluded his services there he went to Indianola, Iowa, 1856 being the date of his removal. There he was admitted to the bar, and soon after opened a law office at Fort Des Moines, now Des Moines city. After a residence of some two years at the latter place, he removed to Leavenworth, Kan., remaining there two years. At the expiration of this time he came to Pomeroy, Ohio, and established a law business, forming a partnership with Capt. S. A. Burnap. This firm lasted for several years. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in Company E, Fourth regiment, West Virginia infantry, July, 1861, having been the date of his enlistment. He was mustered in as first lieutenant of Company E, but immediately afterward was made adjutant, and in 1862 was promoted to the dignity of adjutant general, and placed on the staff of Gen. H. B. Ewing. At the time of his honorable discharge, September 10, 1863, he still held that office. It was only on account of grievous wounds that Mr. Stanbery left his country's battle-field at the last. His wounds were received during the siege of Vicksburg, while discharging the duties of a patriotic soldier. After his discharge he returned to Pomeroy, and was soon after elected the first mayor of that city. After serving several terms, in 1870 he was elected probate judge of Meigs county, and served three terms of three years each. He then resumed the practice of his profession. On the 20th of November, 1867, he was married to Miss Margaret M. Hart. Five children have been born to Mr.

and Mrs. Stanbery as follows: Cecilia B., Henry, Philemon B., Hart and Louisa. Mr. Stanbery is a member of Gamaliel Bartlett post, No. 548, G. A. R. It is to such men that this country owes its union and prosperity.

Bud Ellsworth Talbott was born in Athens county, Ohio, November 16, 1860. He obtained his preliminary education at Albany, Ohio, and then entered the Atwood university. When eighteen years of age he accepted a clerkship in his brother's store at Middleport, and remained in that position for about eighteen months, when he took an interest in the business. In 1885 they dissolved partnership and our subject established a dry goods business, which he now operates. In 1886 Mr. Talbott purchased a grocery store and runs that in connection with his other business. Lizzie White, daughter of B. F. White, became his wife February 9th, 1887. John Talbott, father of the principal of this mention, was born in Belmont county, near Barnesville, Ohio, June 16th, 1821. He came to Athens county and married Jane Haning, November 8th, 1844, and they were the parents of five children: James W., Marvania and Marvina (deceased), and a son who died in infancy; and B. Ellsworth. The father was a farmer by occupation. His demise occurred in Middleport, Ohio, September 24, 1880. He was a son of William Talbott, who was born in Maryland, December 17th, 1796, and died near Barnesville, Ohio, December 6th, 1886. Mr. B. Ellsworth Talbott is one of the successful business men of Middleport. His business career has been very marked by sagacity and uprightness. He has those qualities which make men sought after, both in the business and social world, and if life and health be spared him his future career will no doubt be enviable. During the latter part of 1890 a new room for the enlargement of the dry goods business was built, which makes the third store. The business is continued under the style of "The Big Three."

E. S. Trussell, editor of the *Meigs County Telegraph*, was born in Bashan, Meigs county, Ohio, in March, 1852. His parents were Jasper S. and Sarah (Stout) Trussell, the former a native of New Hampshire, and the latter of Meigs county. Jasper S., in the early part of his life, followed the occupation of a farmer, but later turned his attention to carpentering and merchandising. E. S. Trussell was raised in Jackson county, Ohio, until eleven years old. He entered the office of the *Jackson Standard*, a republican paper, in a subordinate capacity, where he remained but a few months. He then moved to Chester, in Meigs county, and attended school until sixteen years of age. At that time he began teaching, an avocation he pursued for about four years. At the end of that time he became connected with the *Ironton Journal* as local editor for a period of three

months, then removing to Pt. Pleasant where he took charge of the Mason County *Journal* in 1873. In that year he moved the paper to Clifton, W. Va. His stay at the latter place was for ten months, when he came to Pomeroy to assume the management of the Meigs County *Telegraph* of which he became sole owner in 1882. The *Telegraph* is one of the oldest papers in Meigs county, having been started in 1843. Of its early editors was W. L. Van Horn, now editor of the Kansas City *Daily Journal*. For a short time it was the only paper in the county. Since Mr. Trussell has had the management of the paper it has been placed upon a high plane of local journalism and wields a potent influence for the principles it advocates. In 1880, Constantia L., daughter of Nathaniel B. and Candacia (Windsor) Hendry, became his wife. Mrs. Trussell's parents were natives of Frederick county, Md. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, named: Elmer H., Dacie S. and Marshall W. Mrs. Trussell was born in 1860, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mr. Trussell also belongs. Mr. Trussell is one of the progressive and public spirited citizens of Pomeroy, and takes a lively interest in whatever promises benefit to the public. He has been instrumental in securing a number of enterprises to the city, not the least of which was the Pomeroy & Middleport electric company, of which he was the organizer and the principal stockholder. This company was organized in 1889 and secured the contract for lighting those towns. Of this company he is treasurer and general manager.

Edward Turnbull was born in Pensher Newinning, parish of Pensher, county of Durham, England, August 8, 1820. By the time he had reached his ninth year he had received all the schooling that it was possible for him to obtain. At the latter age he went to work in the coal mines of his native town, where he remained until he was thirteen years of age. At that time he entered a machine shop to learn the trade of constructing and operating engines. After serving a four years' apprenticeship he commenced as an engineer, and continued in this until he decided to seek a more liberal field for his endeavors in the United States. He landed at Philadelphia August 23, 1845, having sailed from England on July 19 of the same year. For six years he was located at the Kanawha Salines, in West Virginia. The first three years he acted as manager of the Cowey furnace, the next two years he worked at his trade in a machine shop, then returned again one year as manager at the Cowey salt furnace. October 10, 1851, he removed to Pomeroy, Ohio, where he commenced to work at his trade for a few months, then worked at the Coalport Salt works for two and one-half years. He was engaged with the Pomeroy Salt company as manager in the fall of 1854, and continued with them in the same position until 1887,

when he retired from active business. August 23, 1840, he was united in marriage to Mary Chaytor, daughter of John Chaytor, of Durham county, England, and she bore him five children: Ann Humphrey, Jane Margaret Jones, Elizabeth McDonald, John Thomas (deceased), and Mary (deceased). Mrs. Turnbull died July 19, 1885. Mr. Turnbull is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Pomeroy, of which he is an elder. His wife was also a member of that church, and her death caused a lamentable vacancy both in the church and community. Thomas Turnbull, his father, was born in Pensher parish, Durham county, England, April 30, 1795. January 22, 1818, he married Ann Nicholson, who bore him nine children, as follows: John (deceased), Edward, Martha Craggs (deceased), Margaret Lowery (deceased), Thomas (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), James (deceased), Ann Dixon (deceased), and Nicholson. Thomas Turnbull died May 18, 1862, his wife having preceded him to the grave January 9, 1846. Thomas was the son of John Turnbull, born in Durham county, England, in 1765, and died February 3, 1828. He married Ruth Alder in 1791. His father was John Turnbull, who was born and died in Durham county, England. He was a soldier under Gen. Wolfe for fifteen years, having been with him at the assault on Quebec in 1758. He was a son of a native of Scotland, where the name and family originated. The derivation of the name and house of Turnbull is popularly believed to have had its origin on the day in which a certain Scottish king was amusing himself in a bull hunt. While pursuing a bull the king's horse stumbled and fell, throwing his royal rider to the ground. The bull turned and was about to gore him when one of his courtiers at the risk of his life, turned the bull's attack to himself from the prostrate king, thus saving the latter's life. The king very appropriately bestowed on his saviour the title of "Turnbull."

Thomas Turnbull is a native of New York state, having been born at Bovina, that state, Delaware county, August 29, 1856. His preliminary education was obtained at the academy at Andes, N. Y. Completing the course at that institution in 1879, he entered Hamilton college, at Clinton, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1884. Entering Lane Theological seminary he completed his course there May 6th, 1887. He was licensed to preach by the presbytery at Cincinnati, and sent to Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1887. He at once took the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church there, and has since continued in it, having met with great success. He is the son of Edward Turnbull, who was born in New York state in 1818. He was married in 1836 to Mary Dixon, and to them were born seven children: Jennie Graham, Maggie Gladstone, Thomas, Ella, Lizzie L. (deceased), Edward J. and James B. The father was a farmer. He died September 16th,

1880, at Andes, N. Y. He was the son of Thomas Turnbull, who was a native of Scotland. The Rev. Thomas Turnbull is a man of high culture and distinguished attainments, and if his thus far short ministerial career is an example of what is to be, he will doubtless have a most useful and distinguished life, all things being equal.

George Wehe was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, December 17, 1843. At the age of fourteen years he left school and began to learn the cabinet-maker's trade with his father. After a three years' apprenticeship at his trade, September 8, 1861, he enlisted in Company M, First West Virginia cavalry, for three years. He served three years and ten months, having re-enlisted January 1, 1863. He was made corporal of his company in 1862, and soon after was made sergeant, and then promoted to first sergeant, which rank he held when discharged. He was in the army of the Potomac, and took part in the following battles: Second Bull Run, Cross Keys, Winchester, Kelley's Ford, Brandy Station, Culpepper Court House, Stevensburg, Gettysburg, South Mountain, Lynchburg, Richmond, Five Forks, Appomattox and other engagements. After returning from the war, he went to work at the carpenter's trade, and has continued in that since. He is a member of Gamaliel Bartlett post, G. A. R., and he and wife are communicants of the Presbyterian church. December 19, 1873, he was married to Catherine E. Guenther, daughter of George Guenther, of Pomeroy. Six children have blessed their union: Katie M., Eleanora L., Nora E., Edna C., Harry E. and Frances A. Henry Wehe, father of Mr. George Wehe, was born in Oppau, Bavaria, May 20, 1820. He came to America in 1839, settling at Pomeroy, Ohio. He was a cabinet-maker by trade. For a time he was a member of the city council, and was a man who commanded the respect of all. He was married in 1843, to Anna M. Weyersmiller.

Hon. Johnson J. White, one of Middleport's substantial citizens, is a Virginian, having been born in Harrison county, that state, October 1st, 1818. His education was obtained in country schools held in log houses with greased paper for windows. When eighteen years of age he left school and began working on his father's farm, where he remained until he was of age. In 1842, he married Lucy G. Stedman, daughter of Lyman Stedman, of Chester, Ohio. Lyman S. (killed at the battle of Winchester in 1864), Sarah F., Simmons, Emily E., Eugene C. (deceased), and Joseph E., were the offspring of this union. His wife died in 1863. After his marriage in 1842, Mr. White moved to Portland, Meigs county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, remaining there until 1859, when he was elected sheriff of Meigs county. He then removed to Pomeroy, the county seat. In 1861, he was again elected to this office. On the completion of his second

term he was appointed pay agent by Gov. Brough, of Ohio, and held that responsible position for one year, having collected in that time over half a million dollars, which he deposited in the state treasury at Columbus without the loss of a penny. In 1868, he sold his farm and came to Middleport where he has since resided. About the year 1870, he was elected mayor of Middleport, and for sixteen years has filled that honorable office to the entire satisfaction of the public. In the year 1880, Mr. White married Mrs. Sarah M. Magoon, a native of Maine. For two terms Mr. White has been a justice of the peace of Meigs county, and for eleven years was postmaster at Sterling Bottom, Ohio. He is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Joseph White, his father, was born in New Jersey in 1796, and came to Ohio in 1863, where he died in 1880. About the year 1815, he married Sarah Hall, by whom he had ten children: Mary Bloomfield (deceased), Johnson J., William H., Samuel C., John L., Malinda (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Alexander (deceased), Franklin (deceased), and Horatio G. Joseph White was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife died in 1880, within a week after his death. Joseph was a son of Mr. White, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, holding the rank of captain.

George Wilhelmi was born September 23, 1863, in Brandoberntorf, Germany. He attended the schools in his native land, and came to this country April 1st, 1881. He first located at Wooster, Ohio, remaining there in the tailoring business for one and a half years. He then moved to Mansfield, Ohio, but only remained there about nine months, after which he went to Canton, Ohio, where he remained two months, thence to Bellfontaine, from there after five months to Chicago, thence to Mendota, Ill. After a residence of about a year in the latter place he finally took up his abode at Pomeroy, Ohio. After a brief interval he left there but returned again in the course of a few months, after having visited various places. Upon his return to Pomeroy, Mr. Wilhelmi established a merchant tailoring and a clothing business, and has since operated the business with gratifying success. December 3rd, 1883, he was married to Mary Branderberg, daughter of Adam Branderberg. Ernest B., Huldah and John P. are the offspring of this union. Mr. Wilhelmi is the son of John Wilhelmi, who was born in Brandoberntorf, Germany, September 12, 1832. He married Kate Hoecel, which marriage resulted in the following children: Kate, Bernhard, George, Henry, Mary, Peter and Christina.

Artemas Ward Williams, of Pomeroy, Ohio, was born at Ironton, Ohio, May 18th, 1855. One year later his parents removed to Pomeroy, Ohio, and it was there that he received his early schooling. When eighteen years of age he entered the

office of the *Meigs County News*, at Middleport, Ohio, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1876 he opened a job printing establishment at Syracuse, Ohio, remaining there until about 1881, when he removed to Pomeroy and opened a job printing office in connection with his brother, Thomas W. Williams. The partnership continued until October, 1884, when Mr. Williams purchased his brother's interest and went into partnership with E. S. Trussell in the same business. In 1887 he went to Chicago, and remained there for seven months in the printing business, after which he sold out, returned to Pomeroy, and again engaged in the job printing business, in which he still continues. March 27th, 1888, he was united in marriage to Frances E. McKnight, daughter of William and Margaret R. McKnight, by whom he has had one daughter, Sarah Putnam Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are communicants of the First Presbyterian church of Pomeroy, of which he is a trustee. In April, 1890, Mr. Williams was honored by his fellow townsmen by an election to the city board of education. His father, Artemas W. Williams, was born in Pomfret, Conn., March 2, 1818, and came to Marietta, Ohio, with his father in his youth. He was a graduate of Mason & Webb's musical institute, at Boston, and for a number of years taught music. Subsequently he was the cashier of the First National bank of Pomeroy, and for several years was in the mercantile business at Syracuse, Ohio. In 1889 he was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian church, and is now stationed at Evansburg, Penn. He married Mary E. Dodge, in 1846. Their children are: a child that died in infancy, Harriet (deceased), Thomas W., Artemas W. and Alice D. Artemas Sr., is the son of William Williams, who was born in 1787, at Brooklyn, Conn. He came to Marietta, Ohio, in 1835. William Williams married Harriet Ward, daughter of Thomas W. and Elizabeth Ward, of Shrewsbury, Worcester county, Mass., May 13th, 1817. Thomas W. Ward was for a number of years the high sheriff of Worcester county. He was a son of Maj.-Gen. Artemas Ward, who was commander-in-chief of all the United States armies, in time of the Revolutionary war, until Gen. George Washington was appointed by congress. Harriet Ward Williams died on the 13th of November, 1824, and William Williams died on the 4th of March, 1874. Artemas, Sr., resigned from First National bank in June, 1862, and enlisted as a private in Company B, One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio volunteer infantry. He served through the war, and was discharged in June, 1865. He was elected quarter-master of the regiment, and was at several different times promoted to brigrade quartermaster, and was for a short time quarter-master of the Eighth army corps, then lying at Winchester, Va. He was with his

regiment which was one of those who were with Gen. U. S. Grant, at Appomatox C. H. at the surrender of Gen. Lee.

Thomas Williams first saw the light in Monmouthshire, South Wales, March 4, 1847. His parents were Thomas T. and Margaret (Davis) Williams. The father was born in New Town, North Wales, in 1820, and came to America in 1852, settling at Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1854. His marriage to Margaret Davis took place in the year 1843. To this union eight children were born: Jane Rigby, Thomas, Mary A. Reese, Margaret Williams, John, Martha Evans, Elizabeth Morarity and Daniel. The name of the paternal grandfather of these children was Thomas Williams, a native of North Wales, where he was born in 1790. His death occurred in 1880. Thomas, Jr., the principal of this biographical mention, was but five years old when brought to the United States. The family first located at Pittsburg. The boy was given all the educational advantages then at hand to people in moderate circumstances, and at the age of nineteen years entered Dennison university, at Granville, Ohio, leaving that institution in 1872. Returning to Pomeroy he entered the employ of M. B. Wells as a clerk in his store. After one year in that capacity he was made an overseer in the city's employ, under a contractor by name of William Johnson, who had the contract to grade the streets of the city; also to wall the river bank for over three miles. His next position was with the Coal Ridge Salt works, with which he remained as a clerk for seven years. At the end of this period he went to Minersville, Ohio, where for two years he held a clerkship, then returned to Pomeroy to accept a position with the New York Clothing store at that place. In 1886 he was made the manager of that concern, and has since remained in that capacity. Mr. Williams is recognized as an upright, enterprising business man, and he has greatly increased the business of the establishment during his management of its affairs. July 1, 1875, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Evans, daughter of William Evans, of Pomeroy. Six children have been born to them, viz.: Pearl E., Clara (deceased), Mary, Dana, Clara B. and Edith. Mr. Williams is a member of Naomi lodge, No. 117, and Pomeroy encampment, No. 68, of the I. O. O. F., and of Canton Sanns, No. 63, at Gallipolis.

Thomas I. Williams, was born in North Wales, March 26, 1826. He received his early scholastic training at Ruthin, his native town. Having learned the shoemaker's trade at the same place, he, in 1852, emigrated to America. Until 1855, he worked at his trade in New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri and other states, at which time he settled in Jackson county, Ohio, remaining there for about ten years, when he removed to Ironton, Ohio, and lived there for two years, after which he took up his abode

in Middleport, Ohio, and opened a store there. In 1887, he retired from active business. Mr. Williams married Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Daniel Jones, in 1855. Mr. Williams is an active communicant of the Baptist church. He is a man who commands the respect of all who come in contact with him, and the name he bears in the city in which he has so long resided and been so active in business is an honor to him. Thomas Williams, his father, was born at Ruthin, North Wales, where he died. He was united in marriage to Sarah Jones, who bore him ten children, six sons and four daughters.

John Wolf was a Virginian, having been born in Shenandoah county, that state, in 1784. Early in the present century he removed to Meigs county, Ohio. About the year 1814 he espoused Barbara Wolf, who bore him thirteen children, viz.: Anna (deceased), Michael (deceased), Palmyra, Matilda Harpole, Dudley, John P., Philip (deceased), Adam (deceased), Adeline Wolf, Sarah (deceased), and two sons and a daughter who died in infancy unnamed. John Wolf died March 28, 1858, and his wife April 15, 1867. They were godly people, and left their mark for good on the community in which they lived. John Wolf was identified with the growth and development of the country from his settlement there until his death. He was the son of George Wolf, who was born in Virginia. He came to Ohio at an early date, and died there in September, 1824. John Perry Wolf, son of John Wolf, was born in Sutton township, Meigs Co., Ohio, March 17, 1824. He passed his early youth after the manner of most pioneer's sons, dividing his time between the paternal farm and the log school-house, the balance of the time being much in favor of the farm. He was engaged in agriculture until a few years since, when he retired from active life. February 2, 1854, he married Fannie Ashworth, daughter of Thomas Ashworth, of Meigs county, and to them five children were born: Thomas, Waid, Cora Gilmore, Ella Sayre and Emma (deceased). Mr. Wolf is a member of Racine lodge, F. & A. M., and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. They are held in the highest esteem by the entire community, both for their exemplary and useful lives and for their social qualities.

Andrew Zeiher was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, July 18th, 1855. Until his fourteenth year he attended the Pomeroy public schools. At the latter age he entered his father's cooper shop as an apprentice to the trade, and remained there two years. In 1882 he established a shop, which he operated until July, 1887, when he purchased an interest in the Pomeroy Salt works in company with Fred Ebarbach and A. N. Schaefer. Mr. Zeiher was married in 1878, to Miss Frederica Gans, daughter of John Gans, and to them have been born two sons: John J. and Raymond A. Mr. Zeiher is a member of the German Workingman's society

and is a communicant of the German Presbyterian church. He is a man of considerable business ability, and is held in honor and esteem in the community in which he resides. He is the son of Henry Zeiher, a native of Germany, having been born in Neulukheim, November 1, 1828. He came to America in 1851 and settled in Pomeroy soon after his arrival in this country, and in 1854 was united in marriage at that place to Catharine Brook, who was born March 21, 1832, by whom he had six children: Pomeroy A., born July 18, 1855; Mary Benkert, February 7, 1857; Catherine Blum, November 16,1859; Rachel Durst, January 24, 1861; Elizabeth Reibel, December 10, 1864, and H. Zeiher, January 11, 1869.

WOOD COUNTY.

John Adair, general agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, at Parkersburg, was born in Howard county, Md. His father, whose name was also John, was a native of Ireland, although of Scotch parentage. He was reared in the "Emerald" Isle, and engaged in farming there for some years prior to his emigration to the United States, which occurred sometime about the year 1842. He settled in Maryland, where he followed his honorable calling, as a tiller of the soil, until his death, at the age of eighty-eight years. John Adair, Jr., was but a boy when he left school to enter the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company's employ. He remained in Maryland for some years, but in 1875, was sent to this city as general agent for the company, and for eight years he has served in this capacity to the entire satisfaction of the traveling public, and the business men of Parkersburg, whose interests he has furthered as much as it was in his power to do. For a short time, however, during this interval, he was stationed at Grafton, as agent at that place. Mr. Adair began his railroad career as a brakeman. This rapid and marked rise in life has been attained only by the closest attention to his business, and by the most rigid honesty. The fact that he has been in the employ of one road all these years, and that he has been thus promoted is evidence beyond all question of his ability, as railroads are not noted for advancing men for incompetency. He was happily married to Miss Martha E. Gill, a native of Maryland. Four children are the offspring of this union. Besides attending to his official duties, Mr. Adair has found time to interest himself considerably in various profitable enterprises. He is a member of several land companies, and a stockholder in various banks at Grafton, and was one of the principal promoters of the fair association of this county. He is one of the oldest employes in point of service, of the Baltimore & Ohio company, and is a man of which any community might well be proud.

B. J. Amber, Esq., son of John and Anna (Mason) Amber, was born at Winchester, Va., January 14, 1850. His parents were Virginians, and were both of English descent. John Amber studied for the profession of law, and for several years was a prominent attorney of Winchester, Va., but in 1873 abandoned his practice and entered the ministry, and is at present in charge of several churches of the ——— denomination. His residence is at Morgantown, W. Va. B. J. Amber, the subject of this mention, obtained a thorough preparatory education in his native county, and subsequently at Richmond, Va. In 1869 he matriculated at the University of Virginia, and was graduated in 1871. He then began the study of law under Judge Richard Parker, of Richmond, and June 30, 1874, came to Parkersburg, and formed a co-partnership with Mr. W. W. VanWinkle, Esq. This firm has come to be recognized as one of the leading legal concerns of the county. Mr. Amber was happily married November 17, 1875, to Miss Nannie L. Baker, of Winchester, Va. Three children have been born into their cultured home, named as follows: Mason A., Annie B. and Catherine S. Mr. Amber is a democrat, staunch and true. In 1878–79, he was the efficient city solicitor, filling that office with much ability, and to the satisfaction of all. He is a man of strictest integrity, and a purpose once formed in his mind is unswervingly pursued to the end. As a lawyer he excels.

W. P. Andrews, the popular and capable ticket agent for the Baltimore & Ohio and B. & O. Southwestern railroad company, at Parkersburg, is a native of New York state, having been born at Troy, that state, February 6, 1845. His early life was spent in that city, but his education was obtained principally in the schools of New York city, where his father was pastor of the Broadway tabernacle for some years. At the breaking out of the war Mr. Andrews enlisted in Company B, Sixth New York heavy artillery, the date of his enlistment being August 22, 1862. His regiment was in the army of the Potomac, and for three years he served his country as a valiant patriot soldier. Most of that time he was on detached service, but was present at the battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, and at the blowing up of the fort at Petersburg, Va. After leaving the army he entered the employ of the B. & O. railroad, first serving in the freight department and later was promoted to ticket agent. Since coming to this city he has been more or less interested in different enterprises, among which may be mentioned the Parkersburg Ice company, of which he was an organizer. In 1881 Mr. Andrews was married to Miss Sophia Mayberry, daughter of George Mayberry, who was the son of John P. Mayberry, one of the earliest settlers of Parkersburg. A son and daughter have been born into their home. For over twenty-two years Mr

Anderson has been in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and during that time has evinced superior abilities as a railroad man. He has discharged the arduous duties of his office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the road and its passengers. He has been active in politics since reaching his majority and is a loyal member of the democratic party.

One of the leading attorneys of the city of Parkersburg is Mr. V. B. Archer, who was born in Noble county, Ohio, in 1851. The Archer family is one of the oldest American families. Its first representative came to this country among the early permanent settlers in Virginia. Elisha Archer, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio. He is at present a resident of Wirt county, W. Va., having moved to this state in 1873. Mr. V. B. Archer was educated at Miller's academy at Marshfield, Ohio, after which he taught school for seven years. During this time the aspiring man was giving every spare minute to the study of law, which profession he had settled on as his sphere in life. In the fall of 1875 he was admitted to practice in Wirt county, and immediately began his active career. Until 1886 he remained in Wirt county, but at that time came to Parkersburg and formed a partnership with Hon. D. H. Leonard, with whom he was associated for two years. Miss Beard, of Wood county, became his wife in 1876, and one child has been born to them. For the past three years Mr. Archer has been chief counsel for the Ohio River railroad company, having always given his special attention to railroad and corporation law, in which he is considered an expert. In former years he took an active part in political life, having served as chairman of the Wirt county republican executive committee. Mr. Archer has come to be recognized as one of the able lawyers of the state. He has been very successful, and has a large and constantly increasing practice, and owns one of the best, if not the best, of law libraries in the state. Mrs. Archer is the daughter of William Beard and Sarah Beard, whose mother was a near relative of the hero, Commodore Perry.

C. W. Archbold, vice-president of the Camden Consolidated Oil company, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1843. His father, Israel Archbold, was a native of Harrison county, Va., and was an honored minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years—belonging to the Pittsburg conference—and serving various charges within the bounds of that conference in Ohio and Pennsylvania. His mother, whose maiden name was Dana, was a daughter of William Dana, Esq., of Newport, Washington Co., Ohio, who was one of the first settlers of Ohio at Marietta. There were seven children born of this union, all of whom are living but one. Mr. Archbold did not receive the benefits of a college education, but made the most of such advantages as were

offered him in connection with the common schools and institutions of a somewhat higher grade in the various localities where he lived. He was for a time a soldier in the war of the rebellion, and was taken prisoner by Stonewall Jackson at the surrender of Harper's Ferry by Gen. Miles in 1862, though soon after paroled. Shortly after the close of the war he was married to Miss Emma Owen Kibbee, of Trumbull county, Ohio. Three children have been born to them: one son and two daughters. Mr. Archbold has been connected with the oil business for many years as a producer, and in connection with the refining of petroleum oil. In April, 1890, he was elected vice president of the Camden Consolidated Oil company of Parkersburg, to which city his family shortly afterward removed, with the expectation of making it their permanent home. The institution with which Mr. Archbold is connected is the leading industry of Parkersburg, employing over 200 men and boys.

Alexander Laird is master mechanic for the O. R. railroad company, at Parkersburg. He is a native of Ayreshire, Scotland, where he was born April 23, 1846, being a son of Robert and Mary (Laird) Laird. Mr. Laird the elder came to the United States in 1848, and was followed by the family about one year later. He died in Allegheny county, Md., in 1856, and the death of his wife took place in Parkersburg, in October, 1889. They reared a family of four children, all of whom were born in Scotland and all are still living. The subject of our sketch first came to Parkersburg in July, 1868, where he began work for the B. &. O. railroad company. In 1880, he was promoted to the position of master mechanic for the company at Parkersburg. In 1885, he went to Wheeling where he remained until October, 1889. Since that time he has held his present position and has proved himself to be a faithful, competent and trusted employe. In January, 1876, he was united in matrimony to Miss Jennie Hutchinson, and the union was blessed with the birth of two children: Eugene, born in April, 1877, and Reata, born in May, 1881. Mr. Laird is a member of the Masonic order and was the first Knight Templar of Calvary commandery, No. 3, in Parkersburg. He takes much interest in educational affairs and has been a member of the school board for five years. Mr. Laird and wife are communicants of the Presbyterian church and their social standing is among the best.

A. J. Bandy, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Ohio River railroad, is a native of Illinois, having been born in Edgar county, that state. His father and mother were natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. Mr. Bandy was graduated from the college at Valparaiso, Ind., in 1880. He then entered the employ of the Wabash railroad, at Ogden, Ill., as local ticket agent. He remained in the service of that road until 1882.

He was at one time connected with the D. O. & O. R. railroad, and later with the I. B. & W. railroad. While in the employ of the latter road, at Indianapolis, in 1884, Mr. Bandy was appointed chief clerk in the auditor's department of the Ohio River railroad, and ably discharged the duties of that office for two years, when he was made chief clerk in the freight and passenger department. December 1, 1889, he received his appointment to the position which he now occupies. He is one of the organizers of the Citizens' Building association. July 1, 1890, he was appointed to the staff of Gen. Spillman, of the state guards, with the rank of major; he is also a member of the Masonic order, with the degree of Knight Templar. Mr. Bandy has rapidly risen in his life work, and is now prominently identified with the railroad interests of this state, and is fast becoming one of the best known railroad men in the state. He is a man of marked ability, and is pre-eminently fitted for the work in which he is now engaged, having a keen, active mind and those qualities which go to make up the successful organizer, all of which are so necessary to the highest success in this great industry.

Dr. Charles H. Bartlett, a pioneer dentist of the state, was born in West Hampton, Mass., in 1835, the son of Jonathan W. and Ann A. (Williams) Bartlett, both natives of that state. The father was a merchant for the greater part of his life. He was a resident of Dunkirk, state of New York, at the time of his demise. Dr. Charles H. Bartlett was graduated from Honesdale academy, after which he entered upon the study of his chosen profession of medicine. After sometime spent in this, he gave up the idea of practicing and turned his attention to dentistry, completing his studies when but about twenty years of age. He first began to practice at Dunkirk, N. Y., but remained there for only a short time, after which he removed to Davenport, Iowa. The spring of 1858, he returned to the east and located at Wheeling, Va. (now West Virginia), where he practiced until February, 1859, when he became a resident of Parkersburg. In 1865 Dr. Bartlett was united in marriage to Miss Margaret W. Henderson, a native of Wood county, Va. Five children, two of whom are living, are the issue of this marriage: Charles Wadsworth and Harry Sithgo. From 1868 to 1872, Dr. Bartlett was successfully engaged in the lumber business, and was also a partner in the old tobacco factory of this place, in company with Mr. C. H. Shattuck and others. During the last fifteen years he has turned his attention quite extensively to agriculture and stock raising, in Pleasants county, in what is known as the "Oil Belt," besides keeping up the practice of his profession. Always an enthusiastic supporter of the republican party, he has taken a deep interest in public affairs in this city and has several times represented the people in the city council in an able manner. Since coming to

Parkersburg, Dr. Bartlett has made many warm friends, and has gained the respect and esteem of the community at large, both as a substantial business man and as a man of much enterprise in everything concerning the public welfare.

The Hon. A. B. Beckwith, president of the Wood county court, was born in the latter county in 1842. His father was Bames Beckwith, also a native of Wood county, as was his father, whose name was Bames. The latter was a Virginian. He came to this county in 1812 and resided near this city. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; served as sheriff of the county, and also as assessor and justice of the peace, having held the latter office for over forty years. He died in March, 1855. Bames, Jr., was one of nine children born to him, he first saw the light in 1818. Receiving a limited education, he then engaged in farming, and is now living on the old farm near Parkersburg. A. B. Beckwith was given a good scholastic training in the schools of Wood county, after which he followed in his father's footsteps by choosing farming as his life work, and has since been interested in agriculture in connection with his various other business ventures. In May, 1887 he embarked in a general shipping business, handling all farm products. In 1867 was elected clerk of his township, and also secretary of the board of education. He was appointed assessor of the second district in 1869, and held that place for two years; in 1870 he took the official census of the county as deputy United States marshal, and from 1871 to 1874, served as school commissioner of his township. Receiving the appointment of deputy sheriff in 1877, he held that office for eight years; four years under sheriff Shattuck, and four years under sheriff Smith. For two years Mr. Beckwith was the efficient and popular chief of police of Parkersburg, and in April, 1889 he was appointed to the county court, of which he is now president. In March, 1870, Miss Emma Slebogh, became his wife, and three daughters have been born into their home. Mr. Beckwith is a stockholder and director in the Homestead Building Association, and also a director in the Brown, Mallory Oil company. His business ventures have uniformly succeeded, and few men are held in greater respect and esteem by the community at large.

William Bentley, senior member of the firm of Bentley & Gerwig, was born near Pittsburg, Penn. His father was Abraham, who for many years was engaged in the manufacturing of twine at New Brighton, Penn., and was one of the leading business men of that place. William Bentley was educated in the public schools of his native town, and later was graduated from Duff's Commercial college, after which he entered the employ of B. B. Edgar, at New Brighton, Penn., and remained with him for five years. At this time he entered his father's factory and

learned the details of that business, having remained with him for three years. In 1877 he came to Parkersburg, and in company with E. C. Gerwig engaged in the retail furniture business. In 1882 they commenced the manufacturing department of that business, under the name of Bentley & Gerwig Furniture company. Mr. Bentley is also a member of the firm of Moss & Bentley, dealers in books and stationery; he is president of the Parkersburg Veneer and Panel company, of which he was one of the principal organizers, and is also extensively interested in real estate, having laid out the Elborn addition, and also the Leeds addition. Mr. Bentley was united in marriage in 1886, to Miss Elizabeth A. Marquis, daughter of Dr. Marquis of this city.

R. J. A. Boreman, secretary and treasurer of the Parkersburg Insurance company, was born in Parkersburg, in 1850, his father being K. S. Boreman, a brother of Hon. A. I. Boreman, a sketch of whom will be found in another place in this work. Kenner Boreman is one of the oldest of Parkersburg citizens, having been one of the leading dry goods merchants in this city for many years. For the past thirty-two years he has been connected with the insurance business. Mr. R. J. A. Boreman received his schooling in his native city, and in 1867 engaged in the book and stationery business, which he conducted until the year 1880. In the latter year he was unfortunately injured in a railroad accident, and was obliged to sell his business. One year later he embarked in the insurance business with his father, and in 1882, was appointed agent of the Home Insurance company of New York, and acted as such until July, 1888. March 28, 1889, the Parkersburg Insurance company was organized, and Mr. Boreman was elected secretary and treasurer of that organization, and still holds that office. He was largely instrumental in the organization of this company, and was also largely instrumental in building the Parkersburg street railroad company, of which he is secretary. He is a stockholder in the Electric Light company, and also in the Parkersburg Chair factory, the Novelty Mill company and the Citizens' National bank, and is president of the Book and Stationery company. Mr. Boreman is an active politician, and an acknowledged leader in the republican party, and has represented that party as a delegate on several different occasions. He is a prominent member of the K. of P. and Masonic orders. Mr. Boreman is a man of much mental power. His business ability is marked. Sagacious and enterprising, yet, he has never swerved from the path of integrity.

Few men attain to such an eminent reputation at the bar as has the Honorable Arthur I. Boreman, one of West Virginia's most distinguished jurists. He came into this world at Waynesburg, Penn., in the year 1823. His parents, Kenner S. and Sarah (Ingraham) Boreman, were both natives of Greene county, Penn.

Kenner S. Boreman was the son of John Boreman, a native of London, England, from whence he came to America prior to the Revolution and located in Philadelphia, Penn. At the breaking out of the war for American independence, he joined the American army and served during the entire war as paymaster. After the victory he took up his residence in what is now Greene county, Penn., and at the time of the organization of that county was appointed clerk of the civil and criminal courts by the governor, and held that office until his death in 1813. He married a Miss Seaton, a member of an old Virginia family, who bore him a large family. Kenner S. was born in the year 1790. He spent his early youth in Greene county, where he embarked in the mercantile business after attaining his majority, and was subsequently made recorder of deeds and mortgages. In 1827 he removed to Tyler county, Va., and remained there until 1840, when he changed his residence to Moundsville, W. Va. In 1846 he came to Parkersburg, and remained there until his death in November, 1850. He was the father of seven sons and two daughters; one son and one daughter are now dead. The mother died in November, 1870. Arthur I. Boreman attended the public schools in Tyler county, Va., but completed his education under the tutelage of a private instructor. He then began the study of law, under his elder brother and James M. Stevenson, in 1843. Two years later he was admitted to practice, and in November, 1845, came to Parkersburg and began the practice of his profession with his preceptor, James Stevenson, but soon opened an office for himself. In 1861, he was elected judge of the circuit court, under the restored government, he having acted as president of the convention held in Wheeling that was the means of organizing West Virginia. Previous to this, however, he had been elected to the legislature in 1855 from Pleasants county, and held that office until his appointment to the bench. During his term of service in the legislature he was one of the most active workers for the union, and bitterly opposed all measures tending towards secession. In 1863, he was elected governor of West Virginia. We have to pause here to give due honor to the first governor of the state of West Virginia. None had worked more assiduously to prevent its organization necessary, but the step once taken, he placed himself on the side of his honest convictions and went ahead manfully. He occupied the gubernatorial chair until 1869, having been re-elected, and in January, 1869, was elected United States senator. Having served his state faithfully and well in this honorable capacity until 1875, he then retired from political life, and resumed his profession until the fall of 1888, when he was chosen judge of the fifth judicial district of West Virginia, and he is now the incumbent of that office. In the year 1864, he

formed a marriage alliance with Miss Laurane Tanner, daughter of Dr. James Tanner, of Wheeling. To this happy union have been born two daughters: Maude and Laurane. Judge Boreman has been an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church from his boyhood, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. His first political affiliations were with the whig party, but upon the organization of the republican party he became a staunch republican, and has since been one of its most valued and efficient supporters, no man, perhaps, having more weight with the people of West Virginia than he. He has served them in an official capacity for years, and in the hour of trial has never been found wanting. It is impossible to give adequate praise to such a man, whose life has been thrown with great men, some of them good and many of them corrupt. The average man cannot conceive of the terrible temptations which are thrown in the path of our public men, and when one emerges from the turmoil without a stain, with an unsullied name, with pure principles adhered to, he is deserving of the loftiest encomiums. With this brief outline of his career we will leave the name of the Honorable Arthur I. Boreman in the care of the people of his adopted state, the scene of his life struggles and victories. When placed before them for a public trust they have never yet deserted him.

Joseph L. Buckley, sheriff and treasurer of Wood county, W. Va., was born in that county in the year 1842. He is the son of Harrison W. and Eliza (Gilpin) Buckley, both Virginians. The father was the son of John F. Buckley, also a native of Virginia. He came to Wood county in 1817, and remained there until his death. He was a farmer by occupation. Harrison W. Buckley was born in 1812. He was given a limited education in the common schools, and then turned his attention to agriculture and stock raising, and is still an honored resident of Wood county. His son, Joseph L., spent his early youth in the schools of Wood county, after which he followed in his father's footsteps as a farmer until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in September, 1861, in Company E, First West Virginia cavalry, and served with honor until July, 1865. With the exception of the seven days' fight in front of Richmond, he participated in all the battles fought by the army of the Potomac. After the close of the war he engaged in the general mercantile business in Marion county, until 1869, when he returned to his native county, and located at Parkersburg, where he has since been engaged in business. In the years 1885–86, he acted as city collector, and in November, 1888, was elected sheriff of the county by the republican party, and is the present incumbent of that honored position. Mr. Buckley is a director of the Homestead Building and Loan association, and has been very successful in all his business en-

terprises. In 1876, he was happily married to Miss Cora Leach, of this city, and two children have come to bless their union: Laura and Thompson. Mr. Buckley is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the G. A. R. He is an ardent republican, and is recognized as a leader of the organization in that county. The Buckley family is one of the oldest and most respected families in the county. It furnished three valiant soldiers to the Union government during the late hour of peril, and has ever been marked for its patriotism and enterprise in furthering the best interests of the state and nation.

William M. Burwell, M. D., a distinguished physician of Parkersburg, was born near Millwood, Va. His father was Colonel Nathaniel Burwell, also a native of Clarke county, Va. He was a lawyer by profession, but abandoned it while in his youth and turned his attention to agriculture. On the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in Stewart's artillery, and served on that general's staff. He left the army with the rank of colonel and returned to Clarke county, where he resumed farming .Four sons and three daughters were born to him. One son was killed in the war of the rebellion, and another in Mexico, under Maximilian. William N. Burwell was graduated from William and Mary college, after which he spent some years in Nevada as book-keeper for a mining company. In 1876 he began the study of medicine in Parkersburg, under Dr. Harris, and in 1880 graduated from the Jefferson Medical college, at Philadelphia. From 1880 to 1883 he was associated with Dr. Doly, of Pittsburg, an eminent specialist of that city. Dr. Burwell began the practice of his profession in Parkersburg in 1884, since which time he has given his best energies to his large and constantly increasing practice. One year after his final settlement in this city, in the year 1885, he formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Nellie S. Chancellor. A son, Nelson C., has been born to them. Both Dr. and Mrs. Burwell are active communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, and although he takes no special part in politics, the democratic party numbers him among its most loyal supporters. Dr. Burwell has been unusually successful in his profession, and has gained an enviable reputation for skill during his comparatively short residence in this city.

Dr. S. Q. A. Burche, now deceased, was born in Washington, D. C., in the year 1827. His parents were Samuel and Susan Burche, the former of whom was a native of Washington, where for forty years he was assistant clerk of the house of representatives of the United States. His son was given a thorough college preparatory course, and later was entered in the College of Newark, Del., as a student. Immediately after graduation he began the study of medicine under Drs. Stone & Miller, of that city, subsequently graduating from the medical department of

the University of Maryland. In 1850 he became a resident of Parkersburg, where for five years he was engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. After this time he was compelled to abandon his professional career on account of delicate health. At this time he embarked in the hardware business, in which he was engaged for a number of years. Subsequently he connected himself with Mr. K. S. Boreman, in the insurance business, and the balance of his life devoted his entire attention to that work. In the year 1860 he was happily united in marriage to Miss Fannie Smith, daughter of Beverly Smith, Esq., who for thirty years was cashier of the Parkersburg branch of the famous Northwestern bank of Virginia, now "Parkersburg National." Dr. Burche was one of the leading business men of the city, a man who combined many noble qualities with sagacious and thrifty commercial instincts. No benevolent movement of merit passed his notice. No public enterprise promising good to the community at large failed to have his hearty support. His death caused a gap in the business and social circles of the city which can never be filled. His demise occurred on the 20th day of January, 1878, and his memory will long be held in tenderness and respect by the host of friends and acquaintances who mourn him.

Among the enterprising German citizens of Parkersburg, the name of John Bush prominently appears. Mr. Bush was born in Germany in 1847. After receiving a fair education in the schools of his native land, he was apprenticed to his trade, which he followed for one year. In 1865 he sought a wider field for his labors in the United States. The voyage over occupied sixty-eight days, he having embarked in a freight vessel as he could more readily work his way across. For a time he remained in New York city, and then went to Chicago, where he drove a meat-wagon until the fall of 1867. In the latter year, Mr. Bush became a resident of this city, where he engaged immediately after his arrival, in the butcher business in company with his brother. His next business venture was in the liquor business, and he was engaged in the retail trade until the year 1888, when he abandoned that department of the business and entered the wholesale liquor business. He was one of the organizers of the Parkersburg Brewing company, and is one of the largest stockholders in that prosperous concern, and is also largely interested in the Parkersburg Electric Light Co., as well as the Parkersburg Ice Co., and also the Fair association. In 1879, Miss Kate Beuhler of this city, became his wife, and they are the parents of four children. Mr. Bush started with nothing but life and health as a capital. He is now one of the wealthiest business men of the city, and owns a large amount of property, which has been greatly improved by his ownership. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the K. of P.

Yours truly
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JOHN A. HUTCHINSON.

The subject of this sketch was born in Parkersburg in 1840. He studied law in the office of the late James M. Stephenson, and was admitted to the bar in 1861. He was elected prosecuting attorney for Pleasants county in 1862, and served for nine years. In 1863 he was elected to the same office in Wood county, and served in that capacity until 1870. From 1866 to 1869, he was prosecuting attorney for Wood, Wirt, Pleasants and Ritchie counties, by vote of the people. He served Wood and Pleasants counties in the house of delegates of this state, in 1875–6. He was, during that term of service, one of the board of managers on the impeachment of the auditor and state treasurer. He has always been a staunch republican, and in 1876 was nominated for attorney general on the republican state ticket, and again in 1884. He was the republican nominee for congress in the old first district in 1880. His opponent was Hon. Benjamin Wilson, who, in 1878, had been elected by a majority of 2,200, but Mr. Hutchinson made such a spirited canvass that it took the official count to ascertain the result, Mr. Wilson being elected by about 100 majori y. In 1886 he was the republican candidate for congress in the fourth district, and was defeated by C. E. Hogg, democrat. He is known as one of the best of West Virginia's many able lawyers, and has for years had the best practice at the Parkersburg bar. Mr. Hutchinson is the author of two valuable works on law subjects, viz.: "Land Titles in Virginia and West Virginia," and "A Treatise on the Laws of West Virginia." These publications added greatly to his reputation as a lawyer. He is the chief attorney of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company, for the state of West Virginia, and has been more than ordinarily successful in the litigation which devolves upon him. His forte is trial practice; the examination and cross-examination always being entrusted to him by his associates. He has been engaged in all of the great criminal cases in that portion of the state. He is a man of studious habits, and is possessed of a large fund of general information, to which fact much of his success as a criminal lawyer may be attributed. He has been a member of the American Bar association since its organization.

Johnson Newlon Camden, one of the most noted and successful men the state has ever produced, was born at Collins Settlement, Lewis Co., Va., March 6, 1828. His grandfather emigrated from Maryland to that county about the beginning of the present century, and there reared his family. His four sons have all made their mark upon the history of the state. John S. Camden, the father of Johnson N., married into the Newlon family of Lewis county, and moved to Sutton, the seat of justice of Braxton county, in the spring of 1838. Young Johnson N. Camden, one of the children of this marriage, passed his early youth in Braxton county. The limited educational advantages then at hand were eagerly grasped by the lad who made the most of them. There were no railroad facilities at that time, and the people who lived along the Elk river depended upon canoe transportation alone. Many relied upon their rifles and fishing-rods for food. As a marksman, young Camden excelled, and his canoe was one of the swiftest. In 1842, at the age of fourteen, he went to Weston and entered the office of the county clerk of Lewis county as an assistant. After remaining there for a year or two he returned to school, spending two years at the Northwestern academy at Clarksburg, after which he returned to Braxton, serving a year as deputy clerk of the circuit court of that county under his uncle, Col. William Newlon. When eighteen years of age he received an appointment to West Point, but after two years study there resigned his cadetship, and taking up a course of law, was admitted to the bar in 1851. He served as commonwealth attorney of Braxton, and subsequently for Nicholas county. He became interested in surveying, and secured possession of several tracts of wild lands in these counties, and in 1853 went to Weston and accepted a position in a bank there. A desire for a more extended field for his operations induced him to leave the bank at the end of four years. Becoming convinced that the most promising field for him to labor in lay in the direction of promoting new enterprises and industries, he gave up the practice of law and embarked in his new calling with the energy and perseverance that has since characterized his every effort. In 1859 he turned his attention to the West Virginia oil field, then first beginning to attract notice by the opening up of the Burning Springs district. The salt wells at that place had long been bothered by petroleum. There was but one oil well at this point which has since become famous in the history of West Virginia petroleum interests, when Mr. Camden organized a working company, leased a piece of ground and began drilling for oil with the rude appliances then at hand. In a short time the well was producing oil so rapidly that no provision could be made for storing it, and it was run through troughs into an old flat-boat in the Little Kan-

awha river, a few rods distant. A few days previously two thousand barrels had been forwarded from New York to Gen. Karnes, who owned the only other well in that locality. As his well was not producing, the barrels were turned over to Mr. Camden, filled by hand from the flat-boat and shipped to Parkersburg, the result of the first week's operations to the company was $23,000. Mr. Camden was quick to take advantage of the speculative fever caused by this great success. The property was soon leased, he having made an arrangement with Mr. Rathbone, its owner, to work the land in partnership, $100,000 being the price agreed upon for one-half the land. He had but a small part of that sum himself, but investors had faith in his ability, and purchased three-fourths of his property for $100,000, he thus being able to retain one-fourth interest as his profit in the transaction. The civil war came on soon after this so the further developments by this company were stopped, the contract being cancelled by mutual consent. The West Virginia oil field was soon abandoned on account of its neutral character. Nevertheless, Mr. Camden did a profitable business there during the next three years. He formed a partnership with John and J. C. Rathbone, and with them developed a considerable property in the West Virginia oil belt. The business increased to such an extent that banking facilities were needed, and in the latter part of 1862, the First National bank of Parkersburg, one of the leading financial houses in the state, was organized, with Mr. Camden as its president. With one exception he owned an interest in every oil producing territory in the state of West Virginia, and the history of this gigantic industry would be all but worthless if lacking the account of the part which Mr. Camden took in it. In 1864 Mr. Camden became interested in another branch of the oil business. During the first years of the war the Pennsylvania oil field began to take the lead in petroleum interests, as its oil tract was larger, and its wells more enduring than those in the West Virginia territory. Mr. Camden was quick to grasp the situation. In 1866, he and his partners sold their property on the Little Kanawha, to New York parties for $410,000, and embarked in the refining business. They erected large storage tanks and a refinery at Parkersburg, and soon succeeded in building up an extensive and profitable business. On account of the decline of the West Virginia oil field, the refinery at Parkersburg was frequently embarrassed for want of crude oil with which to run its stills. While trying to obviate this trouble, Mr. Camden was thrown in with the Standard Oil company, then in its infancy. Forming an alliance with the Standard, known as the Camden Consolidated Oil company, Mr. Camden then entered upon his wonderful business career. He was made a director of the Standard Oil company, and was

given personal control of its West Virginia and Maryland combinations. The refinery at Parkersburg became a mammoth concern, in its best years turning out over 300,000 barrels of refined oil annually. The export trade of the company becoming very large the refinery interests were removed to the sea-board. Mr. Camden brought about the consolidation of the refineries at Baltimore under the single management of the Baltimore United Oil company, with a capital of $1,000,000, he being elected its president. Without further comment upon his connection with the Standard Oil company, the largest commercial organization in the world, we will give a brief outline of what he has done for his native state. Mr. Camden has done more to develop the mining, manufacturing, commercial and agricultural interests of the state than any other man. It was through his wisdom and devotion that the improvements of the Little Kanawha river were consummated. He was the father of the movement looking toward the building of the railroad between Clarksburg and Weston, and it was successfully organized and constructed through his energy and influence. This road was but the beginning of a movement which has resulted in the construction of a great system of narrow-gauge railroads in different portions of the state, and the end is not yet. He was associated with ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, in the building of the West Virginia Central railroad, now running from Piedmont, in Mineral county, through the Elk Garden coal section beyond Fairfax Stone, and which in the near future will have extended connections. The Ohio River railroad now completed between Wheeling and Huntington, is the result of this man's untiring zeal and remarkable executive ability. There are several other roads, either completed or in an advanced stage of completion, that are directly due to Mr. Camden. Perhaps the most important improvement of all was the organization of a coal and coke company, with a capital of $2,000,000, which he organized in connection with the Monongahela River railroad. This promises to bring the West Virginia coal fields, with their unsurpassed coke possibilities, to the front in the coal and coke production of the country. It is but justice to say that with the great number of organizations which this man has originated, his money and energy have always been united. He is no speculator, forming a company but to wreck it for his own profit, but an honorable business man, with wonderful ability to see the need of a thing, and with equal ability to fill the want. Mr. Camden's political career has been marked by the same uprightness and energy that have ever characterized his business life. In 1867 he was recognized as a leader of the movement to enfranchise citizens of the state who had been denied the right of suffrage for the part they took in the Southern Confederacy. The conservative party, as they

were termed, nominated him for governor a year later, and he made an aggressive and well organized campaign, but the effect of the disfranchising law was to reduce his support so that he was defeated by 2,500 majority. In the succeeding two years an amendment was brought forward to repeal the disfranchising clause of the state constitution and modify other clauses of it not in harmony with amendments to the Federal constitution already adopted. Mr. Camden endorsed the amendment, thereby preventing his renomination by the democratic party of the state in 1870, but two years later the democrats of the state again made him their standard bearer, with the exception of those who united with the republicans to defeat the new constitution of the state, adopted that year. This combination again deferred his success, but rendered him none the less prominent among the leaders of his party. He had a large and devoted support in the senatorial contest of 1874, and in 1880 was almost the unanimous choice of the democratic caucus for United States senator, and was elected by the legislature of that year. At the expiration of his six years' term of service in the senate, he was again the nominee of his party caucus for a second term, but by means of a disaffection in his party ranks the majority on joint ballot being small, he was not re-elected, although he had the power to name and elect the gentleman who succeeded him March 4, 1887. While in the senate Mr. Camden was noted as a worker rather than a talker, although he has the faculty of expressing his views clearly and forcefully when the necessity arises. After his retirement from the senate the nomination for the gubernatorial office of his state was tendered him, but he refused, declaring his intention of retiring from politics. It was his thought that by giving his entire time and energies to the development of the great natural resources of his native state he could do more to prove his devotion to its interests than in any other way, and this has proven a wise decision, for with his great means and wide acquaintance with wealthy and influential men in other states, by the carrying out of the vast public enterprises, in which he is now engaged, he will rear for himself a monument more to be desired, and more durable than any political preferment. In his domestic life Mr. Camden has been most fortunate. In 1858 he was married to Miss Anna Thompson, daughter of the late Judge George W. Thompson, of Wheeling. Two children of this marriage, a son and daughter, are still living, and with their mother make up a home circle of marked cultivation and refinement.

William N. Chancellor, a prominent citizen of Parkersburg, was born in what is now known as Ritchie county, but then a part of Wood county, in the year 1830. His parents were Thomas and Prudence (Rector) Chancellor, both descendants

of old Virginia families. Thomas was the son of Thomas, who came to Ritchie county (now Wood) in 1810, and remained there until his death. He was a farmer. Thomas, Jr., was born in Culpeper county, Va., in 1805. He was educated in such country schools as the locality then afforded, in his native state, and when quite young began serving an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade. He made this his business, and owned and operated a tannery at Harrisville, and later in Parkersburg, in connection with mercantile pursuits, having removed to the latter city in 1838. He died in 1864. Of his children, four sons and four daughters reached the years of maturity. During his life he held several prominent positions by the will of the people. William N. Chancellor, the oldest son, was reared in Parkersburg, where he was given as good an education as was obtainable in those days in the local schools. His first active business experience was obtained while clerk in a general store, in which he was engaged for several years. He was then appointed to a tellership in the Parkersburg branch of the Northwestern bank, of Virginia, since merged into the Parkersburg National bank, and occupied that place for ten years, after which he re-entered mercantile life and for three years was engaged in the grocery business. In 1863 he was associated with Gen. John Jay Jackson, G. E. Smith, J. N. Camden, J. J. Jackson, Jr., G. B. Neal, and others in the organization of the First National bank of Parkersburg, of which he was elected cashier. Until 1872 he ably discharged the responsible duties of that office, and in that year was made vice-president of the bank, a position which he still holds. Besides his interest in the bank, Mr. Chancellor was also a member of the firm of J. N. Camden & Co., now known as the Camden Consolidated Oil company. He is president of the Novelty Milling company, and is also prominently identified with other large industries. In politics he is now and has always been a democrat, and was elected by that party in 1876, to the state legislature, and was returned to that office again in 1886, and has also served twice as mayor of the city, and several times as a member of the council. In 1855 he was happily married to Miss Ellen C. King, of Vicksburg, Miss., daughter of William King, now of Brunswick county, Va., and the following named children have blessed their union: Estelle, Nellie S., Bettie DeS., Anna R. and Edward McD., twins, and William N., Jr., dead. Mr. Chancellor is one of the most successful and honored men in the state. His name is held in the highest esteem wherever known.

The noble profession of medicine has never been more ably represented by any man in the city of Parkersburg than by Dr. Andrew G. Clark. His professional career has been long and useful. He is one of the pioneer physicians of the county, hav-

ing been a resident of Parkersburg since 1831. The best labors of his life have been given to the citizens of this city. Dr. Clark came into this world at Winchester, Va., September 24, 1809. His parents were Daniel and Nancy (Gibson) Clark, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter a Virginian. The boy was placed in the best schools of his native city as soon as he had attained a proper age and was educated at the Winchester academy. He then began the study of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. McGuire, of that city, and remained with him for about two years, entering the medical department of Transylvania university at Lexington, Ky. After attending one course of lectures he returned to Parkersburg and commenced the practice of medicine in the spring of 1834. Coming to Parkersburg in the first years of manhood, he soon gained a wide reputation for skill in his profession, and in the succeeding years built up a large and lucrative practice. Until the last few years he has been in active practice since that time. During the oil excitement at Burning Springs, Va., Dr. Clark invested in that field. He is also largely interested in the new field of Eureka. Although he has never taken an active part in politics, yet, he has ever been a loyal supporter of the democratic party. Successful in all his ventures he now enjoys the retirement of his pleasant home, and has the happy consciousness of having done his work faithfully and well. Kind and charitable to all, his name will long be remembered among the poor for his disinterested services, and among the entire community for his many liberal deeds. Many a sick-bed has been brightened and cheered by his kindly presence and the assurance that his great skill would be used wisely and well.

J. H. Cole, senior member of the firm of J. H. Cole & Son, founders and machinists, was born in the city of Wheeling in 1838, the son of Edward and Catherine Cole. The parents were natives of Maryland, having taken up their residence in Wheeling. Edward Cole for a number of years conducted a large coal business in that city, where he died in 1861. His son was given a good scholastic training in Wheeling, and then was apprenticed in the B. &. O. railroad shops to learn the machinist trade. After having remained in their employ in that capacity for four years, Mr. Cole then worked as a master machinist in that company's employ for four years more. At the expiration of that time, or in 1857, he came to Parkersburg, and in 1863 left the railroad company and accepted the position of general manager of the Parkersburg foundry and machine shops, and held that office for ten years, when he embarked in the manufacture of boilers in company with John Hannan. This partnership lasted for two years, and in 1865 Mr. Cole engaged in business with his brother, William E., in the concern which he now operates. In

1884 Mr. William E. Cole retired from the firm and our subject then carried it on for some time alone, after which he took his son into partnership. In 1861 he was married to Miss Bettie Dudley, a sister of J. W. Dudley, of whom proper mention is made in another place. Four sons and one daughter are the issue of this marriage. Mr. Cole has at one time and another, been more or less interested in some of the leading business concerns of this city. He is a stockholder in the Star and also in the Parkersburg foundry; was a stockholder in the old pulp mills of this place, is a stockholder in the Citizens and First National banks, and was also a member of the firm of Baker & Montgomery, who erected the gas works of the city. He is public spirited, and enthusiastic in all movements tending toward the bettering of the city, county, and state. His name is held high in commercial circles as a man worthy of the fullest trust and confidence, and of unswerving integrity.

The Hon. L. B. Dellicker, for over twelve years the efficient and popular clerk of the United States circuit court of this district, is a native of Morris county, N. J. He was educated in his native state, where he remained until January, 1865, in which year he removed to Pleasants county, W. Va., and for a short time was interested in the oil developments of that county. In April, 1878, he was appointed clerk of the United States circuit court of this district by Judge Hugh L. Bond, and since that time has administered the affairs of that honorable office with marked ability. In 1865 he was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Anna Bell of Washington, Penn. One child has come to gladden and bless their cultured home. In 1873 Mr. Dellicker was elected superintendent and general manager of the Little Kanawha Navigation company, and he is still discharging the duties of that position. He is also a stockholder in the First National bank of this city, and has been from time to time prominently identified with different enterprises which have been a boon to the county and state. In 1861 he answered his country's call for troops, and enlisted in Company K, Seventh New Jersey regiment, and served until the latter part of the year 1862, having been compelled to leave the service at that time on account of disabilities. A second time he heard the call and responded with a patriot's devotion. His last enlistment was made when the governor of Pennsylvania asked for soldiers to defend invaded Pennsylvania. He bore his part in the battle of Gettysburg, having served under McClellan in the army of the Potomac, and was in the battles of Williamsburg and the Seven Days fight. In one of the engagements of the latter he was wounded so seriously that further service was impossible. He is a member of the Masonic order, and for three years was high priest of chapter 3. He has never sought office, but has ever been active

in public affairs, being found on the side of morality and right. His name is irreproachable, and his public as well as his private career, is honor to himself and the community in which he lives.

J. W. Dils, the leading wholesale dry goods merchant of Parkersburg, and a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families of Wood county, W. Va., was born in the vicinity of Parkersburg, in 1826. His parents were Hugh P. and Susan (Logan) Dils. Hugh P. Dils was born in Wood county. He was the son of William Dils, a native of Fayette county, Penn., whence he came to Parkersburg in the year 1800. Locating in the vicinity of the then small town of Parkersburg, he engaged in farming, and was thus occupied at the time of his death in 1810. His son, Hugh P., obtained as much of an education as was possible to the sons of pioneer farmers of that day. While a mere youth he became a farmer and followed that honorable calling almost continuously until the time of his death in 1868, although in the last few years of his life he was associated with his son, J. W. Dils, in the mercantile business. He was the father of seven children. For many years he served the people as a justice of the peace, and for several years was a director in one of the city banks. His death was mourned by the entire community. He was a man of much ability and enterprise. Mr. J. W. Dils was educated in the Parkersburg schools. Until nineteen years of age he remained on his father's farm, and the lesson of economy and honest labor which he learned there has stood him in good stead during his remarkable business career. In 1845 he first engaged in trade; at that time he embarked in the general mercantile trade near this city. In 1852 he came to Parkersburg, and established a general dry goods business. In 1886 he abandoned the retail trade and is now a wholesaler. His marriage to Miss W. E. Little was solemnized in 1849. They are the parents of seven children. Mr. Dils was associated with Gen. John Jay Jackson and others, in 1865, in the establishment of the Second National bank, and in 1877 was elected president of the same, and has held that office since that time. He has served the people as mayor of the city, and has been a member of the city council. He is a republican. Mr. Dils has been very successful in his business enterprises, and is recognized as one of the most substantial and trustworthy men in the county, one of those men whose public and private transactions bear unlimited inspection.

A. P. Donaghho, senior partner of the firm of Donaghho & Son, proprietors of the Excelsior Pottery works, is a native of Washington county, Penn., where his birth took place July 2, 1829. His parents were John and Mary (Newland) Donaghho, and they were born in Washington county, Penn., in 1795 and 1807, respectively. The father died in the last mentioned county

in 1864. In early life he was a school teacher and afterward a merchant. He was a son of John Donaghho, a native of Ireland, who was a thoroughly educated and professional school teacher. He emigrated to the United States when a young man, and married in Washington county. The subject's mother, who is now living in Illinois, has been the mother of twelve children, five of whom are living, two sons and three daughters. Our subject is the second in birth of the twelve children. He was reared in his native county and received his education in the common schools there. He began work in a pottery when a boy, and in 1852, went to California to seek his fortune. He followed his trade in that distant state for three years, when he became dissatisfied and returned to his native home. In 1856, he wedded Miss Helen Shape, of Washington county, Penn., and the result of this union was the birth of three children: Walter, John S. and M. E., wife of E. L. Davidson. He moved to Parkersburg, W. Va., in 1870, and purchased the pottery which he now owns. They manufacture about 150,000 gallons per year, and the firm is regarded as reliable, prosperous and substantial. Mr. Donaghho is an enterprising citizen, noted for his industry and energy. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and the family have many friends.

John W. Dudley, a member of the prominent produce firm of Dudly & Son, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1841. His father was Lysander Dudley, a native of Connecticut. When about forty years of age he removed to New York from Wallington, Conn., and until 1847 followed his business of contracting and building in that state. In the latter year he came to Virginia and located at Parkersburg. While a resident of this city he constructed some of the finest buildings here; among them being the court house and novelty mill, being a part owner of the latter company. During the latter years of his life he was not engaged actively in commercial pursuits, having retired to spend the remainder of his days in quiet and rest. He died in 1872. While living in Connecticut he married Miss Betsey Hull, who bore him four sons and four daughters. He was a man of much enterprise and ability, and for several years was quite prominent in politics, having been a county commissioner for some time. He was one of the organizers of the Second National bank, and was a leading promoter of the free school system in this city. A man of generous heart and charitable disposition, he early connected himself with the church, and at the time of his death was a deacon in the Baptist denomination. Mr. John W. Dudley was educated in Parkersburg. For a number of years after leaving school he was engaged in farming, but in 1862 established a general produce business, and at the same time gave his attention to small farming. He has gradually enlarged his trade

until at the present time the firm of Dudley & Son is the largest house of the kind in the state. Mr. Dudley was united in marriage in 1862, to Miss Emma G. Leonard, daughter of A. G. Leonard. To this union thirteen children have been born. He is a stockholder in the Parkersburg Ice Co., of which he is a director, and is also a stockholder and director in the Street Railroad company and the Fair association, as well as in the Parkersburg chair factory and Ohio valley coffee company. His political convictions decidedly tend toward the republican platform. Mr. Dudley is held in the highest esteem and confidence by the community at large, and wherever known his name is respected.

E. C. Gerwig, junior member of the firm of Bentley & Gerwig, extensive furniture manufacturers of Parkersburg, is a Pennsylvanian by birth, having first seen the light at Allegheny City, in 1853, the son of Henry Gerwig, now engaged in a large rope and twine manufacturing business at Pittsburg. Mr. Gerwig spent his boyhood in his native city, where he learned the upholstering business, which he followed as a journeyman for about four years in different parts of the country. In 1877 he came to Parkersburg and formed a partnership with Mr. William Bentley. They purchased a retail furniture business, then being conducted in the city, and were engaged in that trade until 1881, in which year they rented a building known as the old "Shaffer" factory and began the manufacturing of furniture. They remained in their old quarters until 1883, when the firm began the erection of the factory they now occupy, on Ann street. This large concern had an humble beginning, but by fair dealing and enterprise have increased their business to such an extent that now 100 hands are constantly employed by them. Bentley & Gerwig are also extensively interested in the Parkersburg Veneer and Panel company. Mr. Gerwig is a director of the Parkersburg insurance company. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order, and has also been a most acceptable member of the city council. Mr. Gerwig was united in marriage in 1877 to Miss Albrecht, of Allegheny City. Four children have been born into their happy home.

Gordon B. Gibbens, mayor of the city of Parkersburg, was born in the latter city in 1842, the son of Jefferson and Hannah (Butcher) Gibbens, both of whom were Virginians, having been born in Loudoun county. The father was born in 1801, and his early life was spent in his native place. When a young man he came to Wood county and became a resident of Parkersburg where he remained until his demise. For many years he conducted the old "Northwestern" supply depot, and was the first man to sell petroleum as a luminant in the city of Cincinnati. He always took an interest in public affairs, and for many years

served the people as recorder of the city, presiding judge of the court, and later as mayor of the city. Gordon B. Gibbens was educated in the city schools, after which he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for some time, and for a number of years conducted a branch business at Burning Springs, but at the beginning of the war this store was robbed of its contents and he then abandoned it. For two years he was an independent scout in the Union army, after which he returned to this city and assisted in the enrollment of the drafted soldiers. After the war he was appointed chief deputy and cashier of the district under United States Marshal George W. Patten, and also served under another officer in the same capacity for some time. He was then appointed to fill the unexpired term of A. G. Scofield, as deputy collector, which office he ably filled for a number of years. Mr. Gibbens then purchased the Parkersburg bindery, which he changed to the Globe Printing and Bindery works, and has since conducted that business. In April, 1890, he was chosen by the people as mayor of the city, and he is still the incumbent of that honorable office, having been elected to the same by the largest majority ever given to any candidate for that position. He was married in 1867 to Miss Florence Blair, by whom he has had two sons and three daughters. He is a member of the K. of H., and has served as G. D. of that order, and has also represented them in the supreme lodge. He is treasurer of the Traders' Building association, as he was of the two organizations that preceded that.

Benjamin F. Hall, a noted steamboat man, was born in Baltimore county, Md., March 21, 1827, his parents being Thomas L. and Nancy M. (Ross) Hall. The father was a substantial farmer. In November, 1858, while at Cincinnati on the steamer "Gladiator" he lost his life by falling through the hatchway of the boat which had been carelessly left open. He was a son of Benjamin Hall, also a native of Maryland, and emigrated to Jefferson county, Ohio, being one of the first settlers of that section. He also met with a violent death as the result of being thrown from a horse when sixty-four years of age. The mother of our subject died in Lima, Ohio, in 1889, in her eighty-fifth year. She was the mother of six sons and three daughters, the subject being the oldest child. He was reared in Jefferson county, Ohio, and began steamboating when a boy, having served as a pilot for forty-two years without meeting with an accident. During the war he acted as pilot for the Mississippi squadron, from May, 1862, until August, 1865, but escaped through all the dangers without receiving any injury. When Mr. Hall first began boating, his run was from Pittsburg to Cincinnati for several years, and afterward from St. Louis to Nashville and Memphis. He has been running tow boats loaded with coal for the last

twenty years. Mr. Hall was first married October 3, 1848, to Miss Sarah Maria Crane, of New York, daughter of Arzie and Lucy (Bayington) Crane, of Vermont. The first marriage resulted in the birth of the following named children: Austin A. (deceased), Eugene E. (deceased), Sarah F., wife of L. C. Arbor; Benjamin F., Lucy N. (deceased), Edward H., and Virginia May, wife of J. Carnard. Mrs. Hall died in April, 1887, and our subject was again married February 21, 1889, to Miss Hulda E., daughter of Eli and Caroline (Moore) Smoots, natives of Virginia, who settled in Licking county, Ohio, where they resided on a farm for eighty years. The old gentleman died in Licking county, but his wife is still living. Our subject has resided in Williamstown since September, 1867. He is a member of lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. at Marietta, Ohio. He has always been a staunch democrat politically, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce. He has led an adventurous and active life and has so conducted himself as to make many friends.

P. Hayden, master mechanic of the B. & O. railroad shops at Parkersburg, is a native of Ireland, where he first saw the light in 1848. His father, Michael Hayden, was also a native of that country, and came to the United States in 1848, bringing his family with him. He first located at Philadelphia, Penn., but later took up his residence in Baltimore. While in the latter city he entered the employ of the B. & O. railroad, who were then building the N. W. Virginia railroad, and worked on the construction of that road. When the line was completed to Parkersburg, in 1857, he removed to that city and has since remained here. Mr. P. Hayden, the principal of this sketch, was still in his early boyhood at the time of the family's removal to this place. Here he received a good schooling, and in June, 1864, he began serving an apprenticeship in the B. & O. shops. He completed the learning of his trade in 1868, after which he was engaged in working for the railroad company as a mechanic until October, 1872. At the latter date his superior abilities and skill as a mechanic were recognized by his receiving the appointment of foreman of the turning shops, which position he held until January, 1881, when he was made general foreman. In July, 1885, he was placed in charge of the entire works, and has since held that important office. In June, 1874, Mr. Hayden was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Gallagher, of Parkersburg, and four children have been born to them. Mr. Hayden is now the oldest employe in point of service, of the B. & O. railroad, at this place. He has made his way up in life by energy and unflagging industry, coupled with the strictest integrity. From a poor, unrecognized boy, he has risen to the position of trust and great responsibility that he now holds. Trusted with thousands

of dollars worth of property, he has never failed in his duty. Mr. Hayden is a fine specimen of what grit, sobriety and brains will do for a man in this great land of commoners.

Stowell S. Hazen, the present efficient and popular postmaster of Parkersburg, was born in Tioga county, N. Y., on the 12th of September, 1842, the son of Samuel J. and Julia Hazen, both natives of New York. In 1848 they came to Virginia and located in Wood county. The son was educated in Ohio, near the city of Marietta. He had reached that age when man naturally begins to think and act for himself, and was on the point of entering business life, when the south seceded and he gave up his youthful hopes for the time being to offer his services to his distressed country. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Twelfth Ohio infantry, and served with that regiment until the battle of Antietam, in which engagement he was wounded. He was discharged from the Twelfth Ohio, and after his restoreement to health joined Company K, Second Ohio artillery, of which he was elected second lieutenant, later becoming captain of that company. He served until the very last, receiving his final honorable discharge in June, 1865, having conducted himself as a true soldier in the following battles: Scary Creek, Carnifex Ferry, Blue Stone, second Bull Run, Frederick City, and South Mountain, Antietam, and many others of minor importance. After the war he came to Parkersburg, and was engaged in farming until 1877, near that city. In the latter year he was appointed deputy sheriff, and discharged the duties of that office for thirteen years. April 1st, 1890, he was appointed postmaster of Parkersburg, and is now filling that honorable and important position. In February, 1866, he was married to Miss Juliet E. Romine. Edwin D., Isa P. and Allie S. (now deceased), are the children that have come to bless their home. Both parents are members of the Baptist church, and Mr. Hazen is also a member of the G. A. R., having held the highest office within the gift of that order in the state. Mr. Hazen has ever been one of the most active and valuable republican party workers in the state. His career has been such as to win for him the respect of the entire community.

E. O. Hiehle was born in Germany in 1857. His parents were Gustave and Louise Hiehle, also natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1869. They are at present residents of Baltimore. The son was a student in the schools of his native land, and after coming to this country was given a thorough course in a business college. He began active life by clerking in a grocery store at Grafton, W. Va. In 1872 he came to Parkersburg, where he held a clerkship for several years. In 1885 he established a bottling house in company with Mr. F. Kramer, and succeeded the firm of Hiehle & Kramer in 1890,

and became the sole proprietor of the Parkersburg Bottling works. This concern is engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of mineral waters, and also bottle the excellent "Triplet" spring water obtained from Willow Island. In 1880 Mr. Hiehle was united in marriage to Miss Rosa E. Graff, eldest daughter of Henry Graff, a merchant of Parkersburg, and their union has resulted in the birth of four children: Oscar, Elsie, Carl and George. Mr. Hiehle is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Masonic order. He is a leading democrat of the city, and in 1890 was elected to the city council from the Second ward, and is at present a member of that honorable body. He has been very successful in business, and is respected by all with whom he comes in contact, both for his business ability and for his uniform kindness and strict honesty.

R. E. Horner, one of the leading journalists of the state, was born in Tyler county, W. Va. While in his early youth his parents removed to Parkersburg, and it was in this city that he obtained the greater part of his scholastic training. For some years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits here, and as a business man was a success. His talents lay in the direction of journalism, however, and he was unsatisfied with commercial life, and the fact that he would never accomplish the best in life until he should devote himself to newspaper work, came to him so forcibly, that in 1875 he established the *Weekly Sentinel*. Until 1880, he conducted it as a weekly publication, but it had grown to such an extent that he felt justified in changing it to a daily. Accordingly, in October of that year, the transformation was made, and the Parkersburg *Daily Sentinel* was given to the public. Under his able editorial management, it has come to be one of the most aggressive and popular newspapers in the state. Its circulation increases daily, and everything is favorable to a long and honorable career for both the paper and its editor. Mr. Horner still issues a weekly edition, and the latter has suffered in no wise by the increased demand upon the time and abilities of its chief, for the *Weekly Sentinel* has kept pace with the daily edition.

L. W. Hughes, the efficient city clerk of Parkersburg, was born in Monongalia county, Va., in 1852. Francis and Elizabeth (Hempstead) Hughes, his parents, were Pennsylvanians by birth. Francis Hughes settled in West Virginia in 1837, at which time he settled near Brandonville, Preston county, but in April, 1851, came to Parkersburg, and died in that city April 2, 1882. In early life he was a carpenter, but subsequently entered the employ of the B. & O. R. R., and for a number of years was yardmaster at this place. He gave his son, L. W., as good an education as could be obtained in the city schools, after which the young man learned telegraphy, and for some time followed

it as his business, but later abandoned it and became a clerk in a commercial establishment. In 1883 he was made secretary of the Parkersburg Gas company, and filled that position until 1885, in which year he was appointed city clerk to fill the unexpired term of W. P. Rathbone. So well did he discharge the duties of this responsible and honorable office that he has been kept in the position since. In July, 1877, he espoused Miss Leora J. Patton, and they are the parents of three children. Mr. Hughes is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Masonic fraternity. For years he has taken a deep interest in politics, and the success of the republican party. He has taken great interest in national affairs and more or less leads in city and county elections, having the prosperity and advancement of his adopted city at heart.

Charles S. Humphrey, an enterprising farmer and stock dealer, is a native of Athens county, Ohio, where his birth took place June 1, 1847. His parents were Selden and Sarah E. (Guthrie) Humphrey, the former born in Athens county, Ohio in 1811, and departed this life in 1876, at the home of our subject in this county. He owned a large tract of land at the time of his death. His wife died in Meigs county, Ohio, in 1872. She was the mother of three sons and one daughter, but our subject and a brother are all that are living. Our subject, who was the oldest child, was reared in Meigs county until twenty years of age, when he came to Wood county, W. Va. He was educated in the county schools of Meigs, and afterward attended college in Athens for one term. In 1871, he was united in wedlock to Miss Eliza J., daughter of J. D. and Augusta C. Stevenson. Mrs. Humphrey was born in Lee county, Iowa. Her marriage with our subject resulted in the birth of four children, of whom three are living: Selden D., Sarah L. and Lewis E. Our subject is the owner of 750 acres of land, 300 of which are situated in the Belleville Bottom. He is one of the most extensive farmers and stock dealers in Wood county. Politically he receives his teachings from the democratic party, his first presidential vote having been cast for Seymour. Our subject's wife is a member of the Christian church, and the family enjoy the best social standing, as well as general popularity.

The Hon. Jacob Beeson Jackson, ex-governor of West Virginia, is one of West Virginia's honored sons. He was born in the city of Parkersburg, Va. (now West Virginia), April 6, 1829. His parents were Gen. John J. and Emma (Beeson) Jackson, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Pennsylvania. John J. Jackson was born on the 13th day of February, 1800. Under the tutorship of Dr. Tower, he so improved his advantages and made such rapid progress, that at the early age of thirteen, he entered Washington college, Pennsylvania; after

a year's course in that institution, he received from President James Monroe an appointment as a cadet to West Point, which school he entered on the 8th of March, 1815. He graduated on the 24th day of July, 1818, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army. During the year 1820 and a part of 1821, he performed active service in Florida, in the Seminole war. During the years 1821 and 1822, he performed staff duties as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's military family. He resigned his commission in the army about the 1st of January, 1823, and settled in Parkersburg, where he commenced the study of law. In May, 1823, he married Miss Emma Beeson, daughter of Col. Jacob Beeson, then district attorney of the United States for the western district of Virginia, residing near Parkersburg. Gen. Jackson held many positions of trust in his county and state, departing this life on January 1st, 1877, honored and esteemed by all who knew him. Jacob B. Jackson received his early schooling at Parkersburg, having attended the high school presided over by Rev. Festus Hanks, for several years. After leaving school he held a clerkship in a general store, in Parkersburg for two or three years. In 1850 he began teaching school, in which he continued for two years, during which time he commenced the study of law. In March, 1852, he was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of his profession at St. Marys in the county of Pleasants. In the fall of 1852, he was elected prosecuting attorney of the county of Pleasants, serving in that capacity until 1861. Removing in 1864, from Pleasants county to Parkersburg, in 1870 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Wood county, which office he filled to January 1, 1877. In 1874 he was elected to the legislature from Wood county, serving two years; whilst he was a member of the legislature, he was chairman of the committee on judiciary. In 1879 he was elected mayor of the city of Parkersburg, serving one year. At the fall election of 1880, he was elected as a democrat, governor of the state of West Virginia for four years, the term of office commencing March 4, 1881. After his term of office expired Gov. Jackson returned to Parkersburg and resumed the practice of his profession, in which he is now actively engaged. In June, 1855, Gov. Jackson married Miss Maria Willard, daughter of the late Benjamin Willard, Esq., of Pleasants county. They have but one son, William W., who is engaged in the practice of the law in his father's office.

The Hon. James Monroe Jackson is the second child of the late Gen. John Jay Jackson, by his first wife, Emma (Beeson) Jackson, daughter of the Hon. Jacob Beeson. The son was named in honor of Pres. James Monroe, who was the lifelong friend of both his grandsires. He was born in Parkersburg on the 3rd of December, 1825. He inherited in great part the char-

acteristics of his parents. Brilliant, yet reflective, he applied himself assiduously to his studies. At the age of seventeen he was prepared to enter college. Three years later he had completed the difficult course at Princeton college. He graduated with honor, and returned home to further fit himself for life's battles. Choosing the profession of law, he at once began the study of it in his father's office. Under the wise tutelege of his distinguished parent, he progressed rapidly, and was admitted to practice in the superior and inferior courts of Virginia, May 8th, 1847, receiving his license from such eminent men as the Hon. Judges David McComas, Edwin S. Duncan and Joseph L. Fry. He immediately entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in connection with his father, and speedily came to the front as a profound lawyer. On the 22nd of May, 1856, he was elected by the people of Wood county, to the office of prosecuting attorney, for a four years' term, and May 24th, 1860, was again elected to that office. In August, 1861, Mr. Jackson was removed from office for refusing to take an oath to support the government of the state as re-organized at Wheeling. He was vindicated before the people in 1870, by an election to the legislature of West Virginia, and in 1871 was re-elected. In the state constitution convention of 1872, he was elected a member from his district, and here it was that his legal attainments were at their best. He was bold and true to the people in the re-organization, and his name will live as long as the state for the good he did while a member of that body. In the fall of 1872, he was chosen judge of the fifth judicial district of the state, for the term of eight years. He entered upon the duties of this office January 1st, 1873. His district was composed of the counties of Wood, Wirt, Pleasants, Ritchie, Tyler and Calhoun. Judge Jackson displayed great talent as a lawyer, but it is possible that he is better fitted for the duties of a judge than for an attorney. Courteous to all, he enforced the laws, and with that quiet and consummate tact which is said to have been one of Blackstone's chief characteristics. It is sufficient to say in this connection that his first term was so satisfactory to the people that they again called him to the bench in 1881. His marriage on the 5th of October, 1851, to Miss Helen S. Seely, of Warren, Ohio, a lady of rare culture and refinement, was one of the happiest events of his life. She bore him four children, and in the best year of her life was called to the "eternal rest," leaving a vacancy, not only in her home, but in the hearts of a host of loving friends. Mr. Jackson was again married February 16th, 1864, to Miss Lucy Kincheloe, daughter of the late George W. Kincheloe, Esq., of this county. No children have been born to this union. His daughter, Mary Emma, was united in marriage to Mr. F. V. Rathbone, son of John V. Rathbone, Esq., of Parkersburg. His son,

James Monroe Jackson, Jr., is engaged in the wholesale grocery business in this city, in partnership with C. H. Shattuck, and is also a partner in the drug business with Mr. Reifsnider. Miss Kate J. Jackson, some years since, married Mr. James A. Moffett, and resides in the city of Chicago, her husband being the president of the Standard oil company of Indiana. The youngest child joined her mother some years ago. Judge Jackson was elected to the United States congress in 1888, but was unseated by a man by the name of Smith.

The Hon. John Jay Jackson, Jr., eldest son of Gen. John Jay Jackson and his first wife, Emma G. (Beeson) Jackson, was born at Parkersburg, Va. (now West Virginia), August 4, 1824. At the age of eighteen he entered Princeton college, from which he graduated with honor in 1845. He then studied law with his father, completing his legal studies in the office of the late John J. Allen, at the time a judge of the supreme court of Virginia. In the spring of 1847, having been admitted to the superior and inferior courts of his native state, he began his professional career, through which he has borne himself with distinction and honor, and by his ability in discussion and courtesies toward his associates, ever managed to win the esteem even of his unsuccessful opponents, among whom were men of mature years and eminent for their legal acquirements. When the organization of the county of Wirt occurred in 1848, he was elected its first prosecuting attorney, and in the following fall appointed attorney for the commonwealth for the county of Ritchie, by the Hon. David McComas. In the year 1851 he was elected a member of the legislature of Virginia, then composed of men famous in public affairs. He served with distinction two terms in the legislature. He also served as congressional elector for the whig party on the presidential ticket in the year 1852, and again in 1856, and also on the Bell and Everett ticket in 1860. At this period the country became convulsed with internal dissentions; war loomed portentious in the political horizon, and none labored more earnestly against the threatened disruption of the Union than the subject of this sketch. Faithful to his loyal and conscientious convictions, it was with profound sorrow that he saw the result of the frenzied passion and prejudice displayed on both sides. For the time being the hot-headed rode "rough-shod" over men of calmer judgments and more prophetic minds. In 1861 Hon. John W. Brockenborough, then United States judge for the district of Virginia, resigned his office and cast his fortunes with the confederacy. On the 3d day of August, in that year, Hon. John J. Jackson, Jr., was appointed by President Lincoln to fill the vacancy thus occasioned. This important position needed to be occupied by one of profound legal attainments, unswerving loyalty and integrity, to the end that National interests

so far as reposed in its judiciary might be guarded with sleepless vigilance. He was the man for the time and place—a time of unlawful deeds and broken constitutions. He was the grandson of Hon. John G. Jackson on the paternal, and of Hon. Jacob Beeson on the maternal side, men who in their day did much to make Virginia famous for its statesmen. The grandsire, John G. Jackson, was the first incumbent of the office of United States district court for the western district of Virginia, receiving his appointment from President James Monroe, his ardent friend and admirer. For nearly thirty years the present district judge, John J. Jackson, Jr., has filled his eminent position with the remarkable record of seldom having had any of his numerous decisions reversed by a higher court. July 8, 1847, Judge Jackson consummated the crowning event of his life by a marriage alliance with Miss Glines, the second daughter of John Glines, of Parkersburg. Two children have been born into this cultured home, Benjamin and Lily.

J. M. Jackson, Jr., an enterprising and successful business man of Parkersburg, and a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Shattuck & Jackson, was born in this city in March, 1855. He is the son of Judge J. M. Jackson, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Jackson was graduated from the Virginia military institute, at Lexington, Va., after which he entered the Second National bank of Parkersburg as a clerk, remaining there for three years. In 1875 he formed a partnership with Mr. Jenkins in the wholesale grocery business, but three years later the firm was changed. In the latter year Mr. Jackson was made the secretary of the Novelty Mill company, and superintended the construction of that mill. In 1881 the wholesale grocery house of Shattuck & Jackson was established and he has since been engaged in managing that concern. In 1883 Mr. Jackson had the good fortune to secure Miss Sophia Rathbone, daughter of J. V. Rathbone, as his wife, and their home has been blessed by the birth of two children: Anna R. and John V. Although he has never taken any special position in political life, Mr. Jackson is one of the truest of democrats. He is a prominent Knight Templar, and one of the men most sought after in cultured society. In business he has been peculiarly fortunate. Fortunate, in that he has used his energies and undoubted talents in the right direction. Descending, as he does, from one of the oldest and most honored Virginian families, he is at once the courteous gentleman and dignified citizen.

A. G. Jackson, one of the most successful and enterprising merchants of Parkersburg, was born in this city in 1856. The history of his family is the history of this state, as he is the son of Gen. John Jay Jackson. Mr. Jackson was given excellent educational advantages, having graduated from the University

of Ohio, and later from Eastman's Business college, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1877 he became associated with Mr. George W. Thompson, now president of the Ohio river railroad, and H. C. Jackson, in the wholesale grocery business, his connection with this firm lasting for a year and a half. In 1879 Mr. Jackson embarked in the wholesale hardware business, and has since continued in that trade. He was married to Miss Mary Shattuck, daughter of C. H. Shattuck, in 1887. One son has been born to them, Charles H. In past years Mr. Jackson has been extensively interested in the iron business in Parkersburg, and his entire commercial career has been profitable, not only to himself, but to the city as well, as he has always been found with the leaders in every public movement promising increased prosperity to the community. The descendant of a long line of public men who have distinguished themselves in the army, the senate and on the bench, yet Mr. Jackson has never taken any active part in politics, preferring to devote his entire time and his best energies to his business.

Dr. Henry K. Jones, one of the most skillful and successful dentists of Parkersburg, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Chester county, that state, June 15, 1843. His parents were Moses and Rachel A. Jones, who were also Pennsylvanians by birth. Moses Jones was for many years a resident of Philadelphia, where he followed his trade of a plasterer. In 1852 he went to California and remained there for four years, after which he returned home. He again went to California and remained there two years, during which time he was engaged in gold mining, and later worked at his trade. In 1858 he came to Parkersburg, and was a resident of this city up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1888. Of the ten children born to him all are living with the exception of a daughter. Dr. Jones obtained his education in the schools of Philadelphia, and subsequently attended school in this city. He began the study of dentistry in 1865, under Dr. Bartlett. After remaining with that gentleman for four years Dr. Jones opened an office of his own and has since been engaged in active practice. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Sinclair, of Marietta, Ohio, and two daughters: Grace B. and Bernice S., are the fruit of this union. Mrs. Jones was at one time one of the leading teachers in Parkersburg, and was one of the first under the free school system. Both Dr. and Mrs. Jones are active and consistent communicants of the Baptist church. Although he has never been an active politician, he takes a deep interest in public affairs, and is a loyal adherent of the republican party. His practice is one of the largest in the city, if not in the state, and his name is held in the highest esteem by the community at large, both as a skillful practitioner and as a valuable citizen.

G. H. Leatherbee, one of the most prominent and extensive lumbermen in the state, and general manager of the Little Kanawha Lumber company, was born in Boston, Mass. His early life was passed in that city, where he received his preliminary schooling. He was graduated from Harvard college in the class of 1882, after which he connected himself with the firm of William H. Leatherbee & Son. William H. Leatherbee (the father of our subject) is treasurer of this concern. He is one of the most prominent lumbermen in the east, and is one of the largest wholesale and retail lumber merchants in the city of Boston. In 1881 the firm of William H. Leatherbee & Son came to West Virginia and located at Charleston, where they engaged in the walnut lumber trade exclusively. After one year they removed their business to Palestine, where they remained until 1883. In the latter year they came to Parkersburg and erected a large mill at this place, which was conducted under the firm name of William H. Leatherbee & Son, until October, 1886, when the concern was merged into a stock company known as the Little Kanawha Lumber company. Mr. G. H. Leatherbee first came to Parkersburg in 1883 to take charge of the works. At the time of the organization of the stock company he was elected general manager. Since the formation of this company, the business has been largely increased, having at present a capacity of from 70,000 to 75,000 feet of lumber per day, and employing upward of 200 men. Mr. Leatherbee is also a member of the firm of Leatherbee, Slade & Kelton, extensive lumbermen of Kentucky, and is the secretary and treasurer of the Guyandotte Timber company of Parkersburg, W. Va., and he is also president of the Brown & Mallory Oil company. He is a large stockholder in a company owning 40,000 acres of land in this state, which it is their intention to develop. Mr. Leatherbee's last enterprise is to be found in the organization of the Gauley River Lumber company, with a capital of $500,000, of which he is secretary and treasurer. There is enough contained in this brief sketch to show that Mr. Leatherbee is one of those men in whose hands the future of West Virginia lies. It is such men that develop and settle a state yet in its industrial infancy. The possibilities of West Virginia are enormous, but its wealth of forest and mineral deposit is as yet inaccessible, or nearly so. Men of this class, with brains, capital and energy, will ere long, make its market the world.

L. N. Logan, the leading carriage manufacturer of the city if not of the state, is a native of Parkersburg. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Edelen) Logan, who were both descendants of old Virginia families. William Logan was the son of Henry Logan, who was among the early settlers of Wood county, having come here in 1817. He remained here the

balance of his life, having been engaged in the manufacture of shoes and also in the general mercantile trade for many years. William Logan followed in his father's foot-steps by becoming a general merchant. Subsequently he erected two large tanneries at this place which he operated for years. During the past few years Mr. Logan has not been engaged actively in business on account of ill health. He is one of the solid men of the city, and has filled the office of magistrate to the satisfaction of the public. His career was marked by ability and enterprise; his withdrawal from commercial life in the city was a loss to the entire community. His son, Mr. L. N. Logan, served an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade after completing his scholastic training in the schools of Parkersburg. After some years he abandoned his trade and engaged in the general mercantile business, but later embarked in the wholesale shoe business, which he conducted until 1880, in which year, in company with Messrs. Lester, Wright and Smith, he organized the L. N. Logan carriage company. Mr. Logan soon purchased the entire interest of the other members of the firm, with the exception of Mr. Wright's, and these two gentlemen have since carried on the business which is constantly increasing in volume, and in importance to the city. In 1859 Mr. Logan married Miss Mary A. Hadden, of Wheeling, and this union has proved to be one of the happiest events of his life. He is held in the warmest esteem by the community at large, and has ably served the people as a member of the city council.

Judge George Loomis, one of the prominent attorneys of West Virginia, was born in Little Falls, Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1824, the son of Nathan and Waite J. (Barber) Loomis. The parents were natives of Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather, Josiah Loomis, a Baptist clergyman, was also a native of that state and a descendant of Joseph Loomis, who emigrated from Braintree, Essex county, England, in April, 1636, and located on a plantation at the mouth of Farmington river, Connecticut, which property has been held ever since by some of his descendants of the same name. Nathan Loomis, teacher and astronomer, removed from the state of New York in 1840 with his family of eight children, including the subject of this sketch, and settled in Fairfax county, Va. Judge Loomis was partially educated in the schools of New York, and completed an academic education in Virginia. For some years afterward he was engaged in teaching, and in re-surveying extensive tracts of land in Virginia, west of the Allegheny mountains; was appointed surveyor of Fayette county in 1849, admitted to the bar in 1851, removed to Parkersburg in 1852, and entered upon the professional career in which he has been successful. In 1861 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the counties of Jackson and Roane; has filled

the various offices of county superintendent of free schools, in the establishment of which he had much to do after the formation of West Virginia. He has been city attorney and mayor of Parkersburg, state senator for four years, and judge of the sixth judicial circuit of West Virginia for nearly ten years. In 1864 was married to Miss Sarah E. Dunham, of New Britain, Conn., and George C. and Carrie E. Loomis are the children born to them. This career extending over so many years has been marked.

C. C. Martin, wholesale grocer of Parkersburg, was born near the town of New Martinsville, Va. (now West Virginia). His father, Benjamin F. Martin, was also a native of Virginia. He accompanied his father to Wetzel county in 1819, where they cleared the first farm in that county. Here the father, Presley Martin, resided until his death. Benjamin F. Martin was born in 1805. He received a limited education in the pioneer schools and then began farming, which he followed until the time of his demise in 1883. He married Miss Eliza Harkness Riggs, a descendant of one of the oldest families in that county, and she bore him four children. When seventeen years of age our subject, Mr. C. C. Martin, left his home and entered the West Liberty academy at West Liberty, Ohio county, Va., in order to fit himself for college. He was graduated from the Marietta college with due honor, and then, in 1865, came to this city and formed a co-partnership with Mr. Alfred L. Kinnaird in the retail grocery business. With the exception of one year spent at California Springs, Wirt county, W. Va., Mr. Martin has been a resident of this city since that time. After having remained in the retail trade for several years in different parts of the city, he, in 1876, embarked in the wholesale business in company with Mr. J. L. Gilbert, but two years later he purchased Mr. Gilbert's interest, and has since conducted the business alone. Mr. Martin is a stockholder in the First National bank, the Parkersburg Ice company and also the Electric Light company. He has never been a political worker, but is a loyal democrat, and has been an acceptable member of the city council, although he has never sought office. His career in that honorable body was marked by ability and uprightness, and is a credit to himself and the city. In the year 1874 Mr. Martin was happily married to Miss Julia Moss, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two sons and one daughter. He is a man of which any community might well be proud, being a man of much ability. He has built up one of the largest trades in his line in the city, if not in the state, and his name is irreproachable.

Judge J. G. McCluer, an eminent attorney of Parkersburg, was born at Lexington, Va., in the year 1844. He was the son

of John S. and S. P. (Cameron) McCluer. Judge McCluer received his preliminary education in the schools of Lexington, and was graduated from Washington college, Virginia (now Washington and Lee University). He then attended law lectures under Judge John W. Brockenbrough, and after finishing the course traveled in the west and south for two years. In 1873 he took up his residence at Parkersburg, and began the practice of his chosen profession under the most favorable circumstances. He was thoroughly prepared for his life work, and brought to the task an unusual amount of legal lore for one so young. In 1880 he was honored by the election to the office of prosecuting attorney of Wood county, and served in that capacity for about eight years, having been re-elected in 1884 to a second term. In 1888 he was appointed judge of the circuit court by E. W. Wilson, governor, to the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge J. M. Jackson, and filled that difficult position with satisfaction to the entire community. In the year 1889 he resumed the practice which his unsought for honors had interrupted so seriously. On the 12th of September, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Bettie C. Cook, daughter of the late James Cook. Six sons have blessed this happy union, named: James S., Cameron, Henry Randolph, John G., Earl and Lawrence Moss. Mr. McCluer is one of the most valued constituents of the democratic party in Wood county. His valuable services have been appreciated by the people thus far, and if his life and health be spared a bright and honorable career no doubt awaits him. His practice is very large, and is constantly increasing. No man in the city is more highly respected and esteemed.

Samuel E. McDougle, a well-to-do farmer and stock-raiser of Wood county, was born in Warren county, Va., November 26, 1834, being a son of Samuel and Mary B. (Armstrong) McDougle. The father was born in Rappahanock county, Va., and the mother in Berkley county. They settled in Wood county in 1847, where the father died in 1853 and the mother in 1883. He farmed and raised stock on an extensive scale. He was a son of Benjamin McDougle, a Marylander, who came to Rappahanock county in an early day and remained there until his death. Mary B. Armstrong, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of George and Margaret (Paisal) Armstrong, who were the parents of seven sons and three daughters. Our subject is the fourth of eleven children. He was reared in Warren county until about twelve years of age when his parents moved to Wood, where he finished his education in the common schools. He and a younger brother own 277 acres of valuable land located on what is known as Washington bottom, eight miles south of the county seat. Mr. McDougle is a citizen of influence and has been prosperous

in his business. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party, his first presidential vote having been cast for James Buchanan.

William B. McGregor, senior member of the firm of McGregor, Strickler & Co., leading queensware merchants of this city, was born in Ritchie county, W. Va., in the year 1856, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Hall) McGregor. The mother was born in Virginia, while the father was a native of Scotland. In 1818 he come to this country with his parents, being at that time in infancy. They first located at Philadelphia, but later removed to Ritchie county in the year 1820. In this county, near the town of Highland, William McGregor spent his boyhood, and subsequently embarked in farming. He was interested with Mr. Stephenson in the purchase of a large tract of land in this state, which has since become very valuable. For twenty years he served as justice of the peace, and was held in the highest respect and esteem by the entire community in which he lived. He was the father of eleven children, nine of whom are now living, as is also the mother. William B. McGregor remained on his father's farm until he had reached the years of manhood, having been given a good education in the public schools of his native county, and also in other parts of the state. He chose the profession of law and was admitted to the bar, after which he practiced for two years, but at the expiration of that time was compelled to abandon it on account of failing eyesight. He then entered the employ of J. F. Barnes & Co., of Wheeling, as salesman, and remained with that firm until 1885, in which year he was united in marriage to Miss Bell Dils, daughter of H. H. Dils, ex-sheriff of Wood county. In that year Mr. McGregor came to Parkersburg, and in the year following, in company with T. P. Jeffery, engaged in the sale of queensware. After two years Mr. Jeffery retired, and in 1888 the firm of McGregor, Strickler & Co., was launched on the commercial world. Besides the latter business Mr. McGregor is also interested in the Parkersburg Chair and Furniture company, of which he is secretary and treasurer. He is also treasurer of the Citizens' Building association, and secretary and treasurer of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association. He is an active member of the Presbyterian church and president of the Y. M. C. A., which he was instrumental in organizing. He is also president of the Society of Christian Endeavor, of this city. Mr. McGregor is ever to be found with the enterprising and charitable movements of the city, and since his coming here has rapidly risen to the front rank of business men.

William N. Miller, a prominent member of the Parkersburg bar, was born in Auglaize county, Ohio. His parents were Charles W. and Sarah (Niswanger) Miller. The father is now a retired

minister of the gospel. William N. Miller completed his collegiate course in 1879, at the Otterbein university, of Westerville, Ohio. He then began the study of the law under the direction of Wyman L. Cole, then of Parkersburg, but now of Washington, D. C., and in 1881, started on his professional career. In September, 1884, he espoused Miss Anna A. Bright, a daughter of John C. Bright. One child, Louise Bright, is the issue of this union. Mr. Miller has taken a prominent part in politics from the beginning of his active life, and in 1889 was chairman of the republican executive committee of the fourth district. In the year 1882, he formed a partnership with Mr. Cole, and this legal firm was in existence until 1885. Mr. Miller entered upon the practice of his chosen profession with a mind well stored with learning. He has evinced those qualities which make the successful lawyer from the start. Still in the bloom of early manhood, he has worked his way to the front ranks of his profession. A bright and enviable career doubtless awaits him if life and health be spared.

C. L. Muhleman, M. D., is one of Parkersburg's most skillful physicians. He is a native of the state of Ohio, having been born in Monroe county, that state. His father was a successful and wealthy farmer of that state and county until his death in 1885. Dr. Muhleman was sent to the public schools of his native county until he was sufficiently prepared to enter upon his collegiate course, at which time he entered the excellent college of Berea, Ohio. Subsequently he was graduated from Mount Union college. For six years after leaving college he was engaged in teaching in West Virginia and Ohio. In 1879 he began the study of the profession which he had so wisely selected as his life work, under the direction of his brother, Dr. R. W. Muhleman, of Bellaire, Ohio. One year later he entered the Homeopathic Hospital college at Cleveland, and was graduated therefrom in March, 1882. His first professional venture was made at Bellaire, where he remained for about a year and a half. In November, 1883, he came to Parkersburg and began the career which is an honor to him. In 1889 Dr. Muhleman visited Europe, and while there took a course of medical lectures at Berlin and Vienna, also spending some time in the London hospitals, and later in those of Paris. Returning to this city in May, 1890, he at once resumed his practice. He is one of the largest practitioners of the city, and his reputation is rapidly spreading abroad.

Dr. J. N. Murdoch, a leading wholesale druggist of Parkersburg, and one of its most representative citizens, was born in this city June 29, 1828. John R. and Virginia H. (Neal) Murdoch, his parents, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. The father was the son of Alexander Murdoch, a Penn-

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sylvanian by birth, but of Scotch parentage, his father having been born in the latter country. Before his marriage Mr. Murdoch was engaged in mercantile business, but at that time, which was about the year 1827, he became a resident of this city. For many years after his removal to this place he served the people as clerk of the county court. At the time of his demise, in 1873, and for some time previous to that he had not been engaged in any business. He gave his son ample opportunities for gaining an education in the city schools, and subsequently at Washington college, Washington, Penn. After completing his collegiate course Mr. Murdoch began the study of medicine with Dr. A. G. Clark, with whom he remained for two years. He then entered the university of Pennsylvania, and was graduated therefrom with due honors in 1852. He then practiced in this city for three years, after which he spent three years in California, where he was superintendent of a mining company, and also carried on his practice to some extent. In 1858 he returned to Parkersburg, but in the following year removed to Greenville, Tenn., and while there was engaged in the drug business. In 1865 he again took up his residence in Parkersburg, and since that time has been engaged in the drug business here, having established the first wholesale drug house in the state outside of Wheeling. In 1859 he was married to Miss Mary C. Steenbergen, by whom he has had five children, of whom a son and two daughters survive. Mr. Murdoch is one of the most prominent druggists in the state, as well as one of the most substantial and respected business men of Parkersburg. As a business man he is shrewd, industrious and unswerving in his integrity.

Daniel R. Neal, one of the most prominent and respected men of West Virginia, was born in Wood county, Va., May 18, 1805, the son of John and Ephlis (Hook) Neal. John Neal was the son of the famons Captain James Neal, the first settler of Wood county. He was born in Greene county, Penn., in 1776. He was given a limited education, and at the age of eleven years accompanied his father to Wood county. His early youth was passed with his hardy parent in the woods. Subsequently he engaged in mercantile pursuits and was repeatedly elected to the house of burgesses. He served the state in different honorable capacities and became one of the foremost men of that region. He was the father of thirteen children, one of whom died in infancy, all the rest reaching years of maturity, and at this time four sons and one daughter survive him. He died about the year 1823, from a disease then prevalent throughout the county. His father, Captain James Neal, came to this region from Greene county, Penn. He served his country valiantly during the trying times of the Revolution, and it is said of him that he was a "captain of captains." The spring of 1783

found him surveying for Samuel Hanway, surveyor of the county of Monongalia, in the new country. In 1785, with a party of men, we find him descending the river on a flat-boat for the purpose of securing a home in Kentucky. They descended the Monongahela and Ohio rivers to the mouth of the Little Kanawha, and then made their way up the latter stream a short distance and landed on the south side of that river. Being satisfied with the prospects there the party erected a block house, afterward famous in history as Neal's Station, and settled there. This camp was for many years a place of refuge for pioneers escaping the fury of the hostile raids of the savage red man. After clearing up considerable land, Captain Neal, in the spring of 1786, returned to Greene county, Penn. He was twice married. His first wife was Hannah Harden, a sister of the brave Col. John Harden, of Kentucky, who was treacherously slain by the Indians while discharging his duties as a commissioner of the United States government in negotiating a treaty of peace with them. Three sons and three daughters were the issue of this union: Henry, John and James, and Hannah, who married Col. Hugh Phelps; Nancy, who became the wife of Daniel Rowell; and Catherine, the wife of Joseph McCoy. The wife and mother died in 1784. After his return to Greene county Captain Neal espoused Miss Mary Phelps, a sister of Col. Hugh Phelps. Early in 1787 he removed with his family to the station which he had founded, and became a permanent settler in this county. He was a man of indomitable courage, and of a noble, generous disposition. He was commissioned captain of the frontier rangers, and held the office of justice of the peace. In February, 1822, he died at Neal's Station, his remains being interred in Tavenner's grave yard. Daniel R. Neal, the immediate subject of this sketch, received a limited education in the log school-house near his father's home. When quite young he accepted a clerkship with Palmer & Mills, then of Marietta, and remained in their employ for six years. In 1828 he engaged in the general mercantile trade at Parkersburg, which he continued until 1852, when he abandoned mercantile pursuits (having always had an aversion for mercantile business) and engaged in the real estate business, in which he has continued almost continuously since. In 1842 he was elected by the democratic party to the house of delegates and was re-elected, serving until 1846, when he retired from political life until 1856, when he was chosen a member of the state senate, without opposition, despite the fact that the opposite party had a majority in the district of 500 votes. In 1860 he again left public life, and has since devoted his entire time to his business. In 1829 he was happily married to Miss Caroline Kiger, who bore him two daughters, both of whom are now deceased. His wife died in —— and he married

Miss Elizabeth Beeson, in 1852. One son is the fruit of this union: Daniel R., who is in the United States navy. The second Mrs. Neal died in ——. Mr. Neal is now one of the oldest natives in West Virginia, and although in his eighty-sixth year is still in the best of health, with his faculties as clear and energetic as they were thirty years ago.

The Neal family has been identified with the state of West Virginia, or better, Western Virginia, from the earliest pioneer days. Those descended from the famous Capt. James Neal, have cause for their pride of ancestry. A further mention of Capt. James Neal appears elsewhere in this history. Joseph B. Neal, a most prominent citizen of Parkersburg, was born in that city in 1830. His parents were James H. and Ann (Beard) Neal. The former was the son of Capt. James Neal, and was born in Wood county in 1784. When a young man he learned the printer's trade and followed it to some extent at Marietta, Ohio. Subsequently he served as deputy clerk of Wood county under Gen. Stokely, and in 1810 was appointed clerk, which position he held until 1850. It is sufficient to say of a man that he held so responsible and honorable an office for forty years. No furthur explanation of his character is needed to prove that he was a man of ability and of the utmost integrity. He was the father of a large family, all but four of whom are dead. The father died in 1850. Joseph B. Neal attended the schools of his native city, and when but sixteen years of age took charge of a general store at Pt. Pleasant, but soon after returned to Parkersburg and for some years after was interested in the drug business. From 1860 until 1884, he was not engaged in any active commercial pursuits. In the latter year he embarked in the wholesale and retail hardware business in company with his son, Robert L., and this firm is still doing business, being one of the largest concerns of its kind in the state. Mr. Neal was married in 1854 to Miss Elizabeth F. Lewis, and a son and daughter have gladdened their home. Mr. Neal is largely interested in the Ohio river railroad, and also one of the principal stockholders in the Novelty Mill company, and is a considerable stockholder in the First National bank. During the building of the Ohio river railroad, he was treasurer of the Construction company, and that road is greatly indebted to him for his able services. He has always been an enthusiastic political worker, though never seeking office. His political faith is founded upon the principles of the democratic party. Perhaps no other man in the city of Parkersburg commands more respect and esteem than does Joseph B. Neal.

William B. Paden, one of Parkersburg's leading citizens, first saw the light in Monroe county, Ohio, in 1841, his parents being David and Elizabeth Paden. The former was a Virginian and and the latter a native of Ohio. For many years David Paden

was a leading merchant of Meigs county, Ohio. In 1851 he removed to Mineral Wells, Wood county, W. Va., where he remained for several years. He then moved to Belpre, Ohio, where he resided at the time of his death in 1872. Mr. William Paden's early life was spent in Meigs county, Ohio, where he obtained a common school education. He accompanied his parents to Wood county, and attended the Ohio Wesleyan university at Delaware, Ohio, one year, one term at Marietta college, and began active life there in 1861 by drilling for oil at Burning Springs. In 1864, in company with others, he engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Parkersburg, under the firm name of Woods, Paden & Co. The firm was afterward changed to Rathbone, Paden & Co. He was interested in the grocery trade for about three years, but at the expiration of that time again entered the oil business, until 1873, when he took charge of the ferry and at the same time embarked in the coal trade. In 1877 he abandoned the ferry and gave his whole attention to his coal interests, until 1880. In the latter year he purchased the steamers Ella Layman and Jacob Heatherington and engaged in the railroad ties, and still conducts that business. Miss Margaret W. Rathbone, daughter of J. V. Rathbone, became his wife in 1863, and has borne him the following named children: William D., David, Margaret and Sophia, and two others now deceased. Mr. Paden is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is a loyal democrat. He is interested to a considerable extent in the Parkersburg Insurance company, and is a stockholder in the First National bank.

Simms Powell, a representative citizen of Parkersburg, is the descendant on both the paternal and maternal side, of distinguished Virginia families. His father, John S. Powell, is a son of the late Cuthbert Powell, of Loudoun county, Va., who filled many important positions of trust and honor, having served his county and state, both in the legislature of Virginia, and in the congress of the United States. His son, John S., was a merchant at Alexandria, Va., until the rebellion, when he became a captain in the Confederate army. He married Miss Ellen Lee, the daughter of Edwin J. Lee, of Shepardstown, Va., and is the father of eight children. Mr. Simms Powell was born in Fairfax county, Va., in 1854. His scholastic training was completed at Green Springs Academy, Virginia. His first business experience was obtained as an employe of the firm of Powers, Blair & Co., of Richmond, Va., wholesale grocers, with whom he remained for five years as a book-keeper. Subsequently he entered the employ of William H. Crawford & Co., of Baltimore, as a traveling salesman. In 1883 he came to Parkersburg and embarked in the commission and brokerage business, which he has since conducted, having built up a large trade. He was fortunately

married in 1882, to Miss Maria E. Brent, of Richmond, Va., and four children have been born to them. In 1888 Mr. Powell was largely instrumental in organizing the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association of Parkersburg, of which he was elected secretary and treasurer, holding that office for one year. He was the organizer of the Ohio Valley Coffee company, of which he is secretary, treasurer and general manager. He is considered one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Parkersburg, and is widely known and respected. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church.

Mr. M. Rapp, president of the Parkersburg Brewing Co., was born in Germany, in 1834, in the Province of Hohenzollern. His early life was spent in his native country. When a youth he was apprenticed to the brewer's trade, and served for two and a half years, after which he followed his trade in Germany until 1854, in which year he emigrated to this country. He first located at Wheeling, W. Va., and worked in the breweries of that city for some years. He was associated with Anton Reymann, the largest brewer of the state, during the last years of his residence in Wheeling. In the fall of 1858 he came to Parkersburg, and in company with R. Hebrank, started the old Parkersburg brewery, and this concern has been in active operation since that time. In 1889 he associated himself with Conrad Goetz, J. Bush and others, in the organization of the New Parkersburg Brewing Co., of which he was elected president and manager. Mr. Rapp was married while living in Wheeling, to Miss Susannah Rothstein, and five children have been born to them. He is also interested in the Peerless Mill, and is a director in the Citizens' National bank. Mr. Rapp is one of the most successful brewers in West Virginia.

One of the oldest and most substantial citizens of Parkersburg may be found in the person of John V. Rathbone. Mr. Rathbone was born in the city of New York in the year 1821. His parents, William P. and Martha M. (Vallean) Rathbone, were natives of Connecticut and New York city, respectively. The father was the son of Wait Rathbone, a sea captain, who sailed from the city of Stonington for many years. William P. Rathbone left his Connecticut home when a young man and went to New York city where he engaged in business. Subsequently he removed to New Jersey and held the office of county judge in that state for a number of years. In 1843 he came west, settling at Burning Springs, W. Va., where for several years he was a leading merchant. The last few years of his life were spent in retirement at his home in Parkersburg, where his demise occurred in 1862. Four sons of the seven children born to him still survive him. John V. Rathbone attended the common schools of New Jersey for some time, and then secured a clerk-

ship in New York city, which he held up to the time of his father's removal west, when he accompanied him. In company with his elder brother, he embarked in the general mercantile, lumber and milling business at Burning Springs, and until 1861 was thus engaged. In the latter year he became interested in the oil business, and for eight years was active in that field. Since that time Mr. Rathbone has not been actively engaged in any business. In May, 1861, he took up his residence in Parkersburg, where his name has come to be well and favorably known. Miss Anna M. Doremus became his wife in 1841, and the following named children have been born of this union: Martha, Doremus, Margaret W., Peter D., F. Vinton, John V., Jr., Sophia and Camden. Mr. Rathbone is a member of the I. O. O. F. He has always taken an active part in politics, being a staunch supporter of the principles of the democratic party. He is a director in the First National bank of Parkersburg, and president of the Parkersburg National bank. Few men can boast of a more useful career than this man. He has been unusually successful in business, and uses his means for the good of others. No worthy benevolent movement passes him unnoticed. His whole career has been marked by strict integrity and a lofty zeal to accomplish something beyond the mere getting of money.

The Parkersburg Chemical works is among the leading and important industries of that growing commercial center. The efficient manager of this concern is Mr. Camden Rathbone, who is a native of this city, being the son of one of its most prominent and enterprising citizens, Mr. J. V. Rathbone, due mention of whom will be found in another place in this history. Camden Rathbone was given a thorough scholastic training in the Parkersburg schools, and then secured a clerkship with the firm of Blade & Rathbone, then the owners and operators of the chemical works. Mr. Rathbone has been connected with this enterprise since that time, either in the capacity of employe or manager and owner. Until 1884 he filled the position of book-keeper, but in the latter year formed a partnership with Mr. J. M. Jackson for the purpose of purchasing the works, which they have ably operated since. The business of the company has greatly increased under the management of Mr. Rathbone, and is now in a flourishing condition. He is also considerably interested in the Parkersburg Chair company, of which he is a stockholder. In 1886 Miss Mary Blankford became his wife, and to their happy union one child, a daughter, has been born.

W. J. Robinson, general freight and passenger agent of the Ohio River railroad, was born in Harrison county, Va., his father being Joshua Robinson. The father was born in Maryland, whence he moved into Virginia when a child, with his parents. They settled in Harrison county, and there he re-

mained the rest of his life, having been a prominent farmer during his active career. He was a man of much weight and influence in the county, and held many public offices, among which may be mentioned the high honor of the sheriff's office and justice of the peace. Mr. W. J. Robinson was given a thorough academical course in the schools of Harrison and Taylor counties, and later at Rector college. Until the breaking out of the rebellion he remained on the parental farm, and there learned the value of honest industry. In May, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-fifth Virginia infantry, as second lieutenant, and served until the last, being mustered out with the rank of captain. He was in many battles and fought well; among other engagements may be noted those of Manassass and Antietam. For some time was under the leadership of heroic "Stonewall" Jackson. After the war Mr. Robinson returned to West Virginia and engaged in agriculture until 1867, when he entered the employ of the B. & O. railroad at Clarksburg as a clerk, subsequently receiving the appointment of agent at that place. He remained in the employ of the B. & O. railroad until November, 1883, at which time he became connected with the Ohio river railroad, as general freight and passenger agent, and is now filling these offices. In the year 1860 he was married to Miss Mary Galloway. Two children have blessed this most happy union. Mr. Robinson has never been specially active in political matters, but is a loyal democrat. His efficient administration of the affairs of his department has resulted in the wonderful development of the Ohio River railroad as a freight line. He is one of the the leading railroad men of the state, and all things being equal, doubtless has a very bright career before him in this important industry.

J. P. Sharp, a substantial farmer of Wood county, was born there July 23, 1831. His parents were John and Zidana B. (Prince) Sharp. The father was born in Fauquier county, Va., September 3, 1795, and came with his parents to Wood county in 1806. Our subject's father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a major in the West Virginia militia a number of years. The most of his life was devoted to farming, stock-raising and fruit-growing. His marriage took place in Wood county, April 29, 1830, to Miss Zidana B., daughter of Hubbard and Marguerita (Legg) Prince. She was born in Wood county, November 25, 1810, and died March 18, 1876. He departed this life Jannary 13, 1886. His parents were Spencer S. and Ann (Arnold) Sharp. Spencer Sharp was born February 13, 1762, and was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, being at the surrender of Cornwallis. He was one of the pioneers of Wood county, having settled there in 1806. The parents of our subject reared the following named children: J. P., Martha E., John T.,

Margaret A., Jane M., Mary E., William E. and Alice B. December 18, 1867, our subject was married to Miss Hannah McKinney, who was born in Ritchie county, W. Va., March 28, 1832, and died October 24, 1882. The following children were the result of their marriage: John W. (deceased), Mary D. (deceased), James B. (deceased). They adopted a boy who was named Leonidas H., and was born May 18, 1872. Our subject was married the second time to Miss Mary J., daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Grossing) Meathrell, She was a native of Devonshire, England, where she was born January 7, 1853. Both of her parents died in England. The second marriage of our subject resulted in the birth of the following named children: Virginia Pearl, born August 10, 1888. Our subject has always lived in Wood county excepting five years spent in California. He was elected in 1880 on the democratic ticket as representative of the county in the lower house of the state legislature. He served his term to the entire satisfaction of his constituency. For twelve years he occupied the responsible position of superintendent of the county poor. Mr. Sharp's farm is located about thirteen miles from the county seat, and there, in 1888, he erected a handsome residence at a cost of about $3,000. He owns 175 acres of valuable land and several houses and lots in Waverly. He is a staunch democrat in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a prominent citizen and a useful man in all the walks of life.

Charles H. Shattuck, cashier of the Citizens' National bank, and also a member of the firm of Shattuck & Jackson, wholesale grocers of Parkersburg, was born in Huron county, Ohio. His parents were Horace M. and Mary (Peck) Shattuck, natives of Vermont and Connecticut, respectively. Horace Shattuck moved to Ohio about 1833, but in 1844, located at Pittsburg, where he remained for some years. He returned to Ohio and settled in Portage county. Thence he went to Adrian, Mich., where he died in 1882. He was a miller by occupation, and followed this vocation all his active life. He was the father of six children, three sons and three daughters. Charles H. Shattuck was educated in the Pittsburg public schools, and finished his scholastic training under Gen. James A. Garfield, at Hiram, Ohio. After completing his course, he engaged in the general mercantile business near Pittsburg, where he remained for some years. He subsequently became interested in the Aladdin oil company, and was engaged in the manufacture of oil from coal. In 1859, he came to Parkersburg, and was interested in the oil business there until 1867, when he purchased the Novelty mills of this city, and operated them until 1876, at which time he was elected treasurer of Wood county. After discharging the duties

of that responsible position for four years, with great satisfaction to the community, he formed a partnership with J. M. Jackson, Jr., in the wholesale grocery business. In 1882, in company with ex-Gov. J. B. Jackson, Judge A. I. Boreman, Randolph Logan, and others, he organized the Citizens' National bank, of which he was elected cashier. Mr. Shattuck is also largely interested in the West Virginia oil company, of which he is president. In 1863, he married Miss Anna Neal, daughter of H. P. Neal, and to them three daughters have been born. Mary, wife of A. G. Jackson, Florence and Daisy. At two different times Mr. Shattuck has served the people of this city as mayor, having been elected by the republican party, of which he is a firm adherent. In all enterprises promising good to the people, this man may be found in the van of the public spirited citizens who promulgate and carry them out. Charitable to all, he is rigidly honest in every detail, and expects those in his employ to conduct themselves in the same manner. He is a man of much refinement, and of great ability.

Will E. Skirvin, a leading druggist of Parkersburg, and also the president of the Parkersburg Brick company, was born in Meigs county, Ohio. William Skirvin, his father, was born in southern Michigan. He removed to Meigs county in early life and engaged in the insurance business there, being at the present time thus occupied. Mr. W. E. Skirvin obtained his schooling in Meigs county, and at the age of about twelve years became an employe in a drug store, at the same time keeping on with his school work. He followed this business as a clerk, until 1880, when he came to this city and secured a position in the store of J. N. Murdoch, and later in that of C. A. Wade. In 1883, he embarked in the drug business for himself, and has since succeeded in building up a large and profitable trade. In 1887, he associated himself with Mr. F. E. King in the organization of Parkersburg Brick company, of which Mr. Skirvin was made president. This company is extensively interested in the manufacture of building brick, and is one of the most important industries of that city. Mr. Skirvin was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Ina Williamson, daughter of Dr. Williamson, of Parkersburg, in 1882. This enterprising gentleman is interested in several of the leading business ventures of this rapidly growing city, among which may be mentioned the Parkersburg Insurance company. He is now conducting one of the largest drug trades in the state, and is rapidly coming to the front as a shrewd and substantial business man. He is an ardent republican.

Levin Smith, junior member of the law firm of Merrick & Smith, is the son of W. H. Smith, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Smith was born in the vicinity of

Parkersburg in 1861. He was graduated from the Parkersburg High school, and then took a three years' course in the Harvard Law school, graduating from that famous institution in 1884. He began the practice of his chosen profession in the same year, and in 1885 formed a partnership with Mr. C. D. Merrick. In the year 1887 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Marshall Williams, of Parkersburg. He has never figured as a political worker, but is a warm supporter of the principles of the democratic party. He is a stockholder in the W. H. Smith Hardware company, the largest and best equipped wholesale and retail hardware store between Baltimore and St. Louis. Mr. Smith is rapidly coming to the front ranks of the bar in this state, and already has a large and constantly growing practice. He came into the legal field thoroughly prepared for his life work, and with his keen mind and industrious habits he gives great promise of an honorable and useful career.

Gustav E. Smith, a leading jeweler of Parkersburg, and the oldest living merchant in that line of business in the city, is a native of Germany, where he was born, in Marbach, Kingdom Wurtemberg, January 30, 1828. When fourteen years of age he began serving an apprenticeship to the jeweler trade. After having spent five years in the mastering of his trade he worked as a journeyman in his native country until 1851, with the exception of two years while a member of the standing army. In the latter year he emigrated to America, and first located at Huntingdon, Penn. There he found employment with a man by the name of J. T. Scott, who some time afterward established a business in Wheeling, W. Va., over which Mr. Smith was placed in charge. In November, 1852, he took up his abode at Parkersburg, and at that time opened a small store for himself. He has steadily increased his business until at the present time he is conducting one of the largest trades in this line in the state. In 1856 he erected a business house on Third street (then Court street), and again in 1889, he constructed the Smith block, one of the finest commercial buildings in the city and state. He was married in 1853, to Miss Catherine Oehldorf, of Heidelberg, Germany, at Philadelphia, and a large family of nine children, eight living, have grown up in their pleasant home. Mr. Smith is a stockholder in the First National bank, and has various business interests of a profitable nature. He is much respected in social circles, as well as a leader in commercial life.

Gen. B. D. Spilman.—Among the most prominent business men of West Virginia appears the name of the subject of this biographical mention. He was born in the state of Virginia in Warrenton. He received an appointment to the military academy at West Point in his early youth, and was graduated from that institution in 1878 with the rank of second lieutenant, and

was assigned to the Seventh United States cavalry, then stationed in southwestern Dakota, in the Black Hills region. After serving for nine years, he, in 1887, resigned his position in the regular army. He was united in the year 1886 to Miss Camden, of this city, daughter of Senator Camden, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this history. After his marriage he became a resident of Parkersburg, and soon identified himself with some of the leading industries of the state. He assisted in the organization of the Consumers' Coal & Mining company, of which he was elected president. Some time later he was made president of the Citizens' Coal company, of this place, both of which offices he is now filling. Although having abandoned his military career upon settling in Parkersburg, yet the soldier's instinct was alive within him, and he could not lose his interest in that noble calling. He took a great interest in the State guards, and his distinguished services were recognized on the 26th of June, 1890, when he received the commission of briadier general in that organization. Besides being largely interested in several different coal companies of the valley, among them being the Monongah Coal & Coke company, of which he is a director, Gen. Spilman has also taken an active part in railroal development, and is at present a director in the Monongahela River railroad. He has had the management of some of the largest improvement companies in the state, and has done much toward developing the great coal fields of the state. By his marriage to Miss Camden he connected himself with one of the oldest and most powerful families of the state. The union has been blessed by the birth of a daughter.

Samuel Stewart, ex-sheriff and treasurer of Wood county, W. Va., was born in Beaver county, Penn., in 1829. His parents were Benjamin and Rebecca (Cochrane) Stewart. The father was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and the mother a native of Hancock county, W. Va. Benjamin was the son of William, a native of Scotland, who came to this country some time before the war for American independence, and served during that war as a colonel. Samuel Stewart, the principal of this biographical sketch, was educated in Pennsylvania. In 1852 he moved to Parkersburg, W. Va., and followed contracting and building until 1862. About that time he became an active politician, and has served the people as a member of the city council for seven years, also one year as city recorder, and for two years filled the office of district collector and treasurer. In 1884 he was elected sheriff and treasurer of Wood county, and for four years was the incumbent of that high position, having discharged his trust with fidelity and ability. Since that time Mr. Stewart has lived a retired life, and is happy in the consciousness that his work has been well and faithfully done. He married Miss Letitia War-

wick in 1851, and five children are the issue: Benjamin F., Williams C., John N., Henry C. and Hattie. All are living. For several years he was connected with the Star Foundry company, and has also been extensively interested in different oil companies, and is at present a director in the Parkersburg Chair factory, and also a director of the Citizens' National bank. His business ventures have been uniformly successful, and what is far more to be desired, he has won the respect and confidence of the entire community.

Selden S. Stone is a native of Washington county, Ohio, where he was born April 24, 1828, his parents being Augustus Isreal and Elizabeth (Spencer) Stone. The father was born at Marietta, Ohio, October 24, 1811, and died May 18, 1848, in Harmar, Ohio. He was a son of Col. Augustus and Rebecca Stone. Col. Augustus Stone was born July 23, 1780, in Rutledge, Mass. He came to Ohio in 1790 with his brother's family and was a resident of Washington county, nearly ninety years. He was twice married, Rebecca Dodge being his first wife, and his second Charlotte Putnam, and died at the age of ninety-nine years. The father of our subject was a merchant at Harmar for a good many years. Our subject's mother was born in Louisiana, August 22, 1815, and died at Harmar, Ohio, July 5, 1840. She was the mother of four children, our subject being the only one still living. He was reared in Wood county, where he now resides since his second year. In 1859, he was wedded to Miss Victoria C., daughter of Tillinghast J. and Celia E. Cook. The union resulted in the birth of eight children, besides whom they adopted one child. The name of the children are: Selden A., Edith E., Lelia V., George C., John S., Marian R., Kate C. and Samuel S. The adopted child is Selden Stone Cook. He is the child of Joseph S. Cook. Our subject was connected with the county court for two years and is now president of the state farmers' institute. He is a member of Mt. Olive lodge, No. 3, of the Masonic order at Parkersburg. He owns 460 acres of land in the farm where he lives on the Ohio river, and it is a valuable piece of property. He raises considerable stock, mostly sheep, and is regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of his section. Mr. Stone and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and enjoy excellent social standing, as well as general esteem.

Isaac Tavenner, one of the oldest citizens of Wood county, W. Va., was born in the year 1813, on the 19th of January, at Tavennersville, near Parkersburg, Wood county. His father was Col. Thomas Tavenner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Isaac Tavenner was educated in the common schools of this state, and later was graduated from the Marietta college. He chose the noble calling of agriculture and

stock-raising as his life work, and since leaving college has been engaged in that work. He has been a most successful tiller of the soil, and extensively interested in stock-raising, but now leads a retired life on his farm, overlooking the Ohio river, Parkersburg and the island of Blennerhassett. He was one of the first justices of Wirt county, when honor was the only compensation and worth the standard for selection. He was married on the 9th of August, 1838, to Miss P. H. Warth, daughter of John Warth, a prominent resident of Jackson county, and nine children have blessed their happy union. "Mrs. Tavenner died Wednesday evening January 20, 1891. She was a devout Christian, having united with the Methodist Episcopal church at sixteen. She married Isaac Tavenner and with him more than fifty-two years had devoted untiring energies to her Savior's cause, and her family's best interests. In that life and character were exemplified the Christian graces, faith, hope and charity; the cold were warmed, the hungry fed, the poor clothed, the afflicted ministered unto, the frailties of others passed in silence and only the good beheld and appreciated by her, while implicit was her confidence in God's promises and providence, strengthened by familiarity with His word, her great delight, that grew with her years; her object in this life accomplished, her ambition attained, her hopes realized, surrounded by successful sons, fond sister and daughters ministering to her wants, she was gathered to the fold by ministering angels that welcomed her home; perfect, through suffering she passed the portals of peace, her life a success, her death a triumph." Two of the sons are farmers in this county, another is a leading attorney of Kansas City, Mo., two others are engaged in the grocery business in this city, and the youngest son, Lewis N., is a member of the Parkersburg bar, having begun the study of law in 1875, under the tutelage of Judge George Loomis, who is mentioned in another place. Lewis N. Tavenner was admitted to the bar in 1876, and began the practice of his profession the following year, when he formed a partnership with his preceptor, Judge Loomis, and this firm still exists. This family is one of the most prominent in the county, as will be seen by a perusal of the sketch of its noted progenitor, Col. Thomas Tavenner. Mr. Lewis N. Tavenner is an ornament to his profession, and is a citizen of much enterprise and public spirit.

Col. Thomas Tavenner, one of the first settlers of Wood county, was born in Loudoun county, Va., April 18, 1776. His parents died while he was yet a child. In 1798, he came west, and located at Neal's Fort, in this county, and soon came to be recognized as one of the leading men of the place. He was the undisputed leader of the whig party in this section, and represented the people in the house of delegates of the commonwealth of

Virginia in 1806, having been first elected in that year. He was kept in that honorable body for many years, having been re-elected many times. He was one of the first justices of the peace of the county, first qualifying for that office in 1807. He was president of the county court from 1819 to 1821. In the year 1816, he was appointed deputy sheriff of the county, and also deputy marshal for the fourth chancery district, and served as such until 1821, when he was commissioned by the governor a high sheriff of the county, filling that office for two years, the time allotted by law. He held the rank of colonel in the Thirteenth Virginia militia at one time, but resigned it in April, 1823, however, he was known by the title of colonel the rest of his life. In February, 1829, he was again made justice of the peace, and served for some years as president of the county court. His marriage to Elizabeth Beaucamp, daughter of Rev. William Beaucamp, a pioneer Methodist Episcopal minister of Wood county, was solemnized February 22, 1807, and to their union five children were born. He was not a member of any religious organization, although he had been brought up in the belief of the Quakers, yet he was a man of deep religious sympathy, and with a large, generous heart. He was one of the first to see the wrong of slavery, and when settling his earthly affairs for the last time, set as many of his slaves free as were able to care for themselves, there being eighteen of them who were thus freed; and this noble man made ample arrangements for the care of the helpless blacks after his death. He was largely interested in many of the leading enterprises of the state and county, among them being the establishment of the Northwestern bank of Virginia, and he also assisted in the organization of the Parkersburg branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and the Northwestern, Elizabeth & Parkersburg turnpike. He died May 23, 1857, aged eighty-one years. Too much cannot be said in this man's praise. He was ever to be found on the side of right and truth, and by his death Parkersburg lost one of its noblest friends.

George W. Thompson, who has been so intimately connected with the construction and management of the Ohio river railroad, is a son of the late Judge G. W. Thompson, of Wheeling. His mother was Elizabeth (Steenrod) Thompson, a descendant of one of the oldest families of Virginia. Judge Thompson was born at St. Clairsville, in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1806. His father was of Irish descent, having imigrated to this country and located in Ohio at an early day where the remainder of his life was spent. Having been well educated in youth and in manhood adopting the legal profession for his calling, he arose by his unquestioned ability and integrity to a position of high honor. At the time of his death he was a resident of Wheeling, W. Va. In the latter city, George W. Thompson, his son, was born in the

year 1845. In early life he enjoyed the opportunities for obtaining a collegiate education which he completed in 1865. In that year he located at Parkersburg, where he entered the employ of Rathbone, Paden & Co., in the wholesale grocery business. In 1868 he formed a partnership with H. C. Jackson, and this firm received Mr. Thompson's entire attention until 1883, having at that time acquired a profitable trade in the wholesale grocery line. When the Ohio river railroad was projected, Mr. Thompson was an active agent in securing the right of way from Parkersburg to Wheeling. To build this road, the Ohio Valley construction company was organized in 1883, and of it Mr. Thompson was elected vice president. Upon the completion of the railroad, he was chosen its vice president and general manager, and in May, 1887, was advanced to the presidency of the company. The following year he was in addition to this, made general manager of the Ripley & Mill Creek valley road. Besides these Mr. Thompson is a director of the First National bank of Parkersburg, and is interested in many other enterprises in this state. April 29, 1869, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Fannie Belle Jackson, a daughter of Gen. John Jay Jackson, and they are the parents of five children, one son and four daughters. He is a prominent member of the Odd Fellow and Masonic fraternities. Politically he is a democrat and as such was a member of the Chicago convention in 1884 that nominated Grover Cleveland for the presidency.

J. W. Vandervort was born in Preston county, Va., in 1855 on the 7th of May. Amos A. and Susan (Holmes) Vandervort, his parents, were born in Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. The Vandervort family were natives of Holland, and the American branch of the family dates back to the settlement of New York state by the Dutch. Amos A. Vandervort was born in Monongalia county, Va. He enlisted in Company B, Fourteenth Virginia regiment, and was captured at the battle of Cloyd Mountain. He died in a Confederate prison at Savannah, Ga. Our subject, J. W. Vandervort, received a preliminary education in the schools of Virginia and West Virginia. He was a student at the Georges Creek Academy, Smithfield, Penn., and later at the University of West Virginia, finishing the sophomore year, after which he taught for some time. In 1876 he began the study of law under the direction of Hon. John A. Davis, of Clarksburg, Va., and completed his legal studies at Charlottesville, at the University of Virginia, in 1879. Having been admitted to the bar he began to practice in Clarksburg. In 1881 he came to Parkersburg, and formed a partnership with J. A. Hutchinson, which lasted for four years. Since that time he has conducted a large practice alone. In 1882 he was united in marriage to Miss Maude Shuttleworth, of Clarksburg, by whom he has had three children:

George H., Edna B. and Maude S. Mr. Vandervort is a member of the K. of P., and is a staunch republican, having held the chairmanship of the republican county committee, and he has also been a member of the republican state executive committee. As a lawyer he excels.

W. W. VanWinkle, senior member of the law firm of VanWinkle & Amber, was born in the state of New Jersey. Adolphus W. and Patrina VanWinkle, his parents, were born in New York and New Jersey, respectively, both being of Holland descent. The father was a merchant and was engaged in business up to the time of his demise. W. W. VanWinkle was sent to the schools of Jersey City, and completed his scholastic training in the University of New York. After graduation he engaged in business in New York city for two years, during which time every spare moment was spent in acquiring a knowledge of the law, under the direction of the late Hon. Peter G. VanWinkle. He came to Parkersburg in the year 1864 and continued his studies until 1866, when he was admitted to the bar. He has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. The firm of VanWinkle & Amber was formed in 1874, and is still in existence. In 1864 Mr. VanWinkle was the acting secretary of the N. W. railroad and upon the reorganization of that company was made secretary of the Parkersburg branch, and still holds that position. He is also a stockholder and director in the Novelty Mill company. In 1868 he was married to Miss Hannah Cook, by whom he had one daughter. He is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Masonic fraternity, and although he is not a politician, has ever taken a deep interest in the republican party. A lawyer of more than ordinary force, his executive ability is great, as his prominent connection with so many of Parkersburg's leading industries well proves.

The Hon. Wellington Vrooman, one of the leading citizens of Parkersburg, was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., in the year 1835, his parents being Samuel A. and Sallie (Dillenbouch) Vrooman. The father and mother were also natives of New York state. The former was a contractor and builder, and was engaged in that business in New York, and later in Maryland, until his death in 1853. Wellington Vrooman was educated at the Allegheny County academy, at Cumberland, Md. For a short time he filled a clerkship in the post-office at Cumberland and in a dry goods establishment. In 1853 he entered the employ of the B. & O. railroad, and was made agent at Parkersburg in 1859. Until the breaking out of the war he was thus engaged. At that time he became a clerk in the quartermaster's department United States army. In 1863 he was commissioned a paymaster in the United States army, and held that office until 1869. In the latter year he returned to Parkersburg and became inter-

ested in the milling industry, and has since made that his business. Mr. Vrooman is a director in the Second National bank of this city. In 1888 he was elected to the state legislature, and is still a member of that honorable body. For a number of years he has been an active and influential member of the city council, having always been identified with the progressive and public spirited element of that organization. In the year 1862 he was so fortunate as to form a marriage alliance with Miss Neal, a daughter of one of the leading men of the county. Mr. Vrooman's life has been marked by the strictest integrity and uprightness. His private and public career is irreproachable. His many noble qualities have greatly endeared him to the people of the region in which he lives.

C. A. Wade, a leading druggist of Parkersburg, was born in Bath county, Va., near Warm Springs. Leonard C. and Sarah (Matheny) Wade, his parents, were both Virginians. The father was the son of Otho Wade, who was one of the earliest Methodist clergymen in Virginia. For many years he was an honored minister of that state. Leonard was a farmer in eastern Virginia until 1846, when he removed to Wood county, W. Va., and located near Parkersburg. Here he followed agriculture until 1854, when he became a resident of this city. Until 1862 he resided here and in the immediate vicinity, after which he returned to the country and embarked in a general store, carrying on a milling business in connection with it. He was the founder of Wade's Village, and died in that place in 1865. C. A. Wade is one of nine children born to him, only three of whom survive the father. Mr. Wade was given a good common school education. His time was divided between the school-house and his father's farm until he secured a situation in a Parkersburg mill, where he remained until 1856, at which time he entered the drug trade in company with Mr. J. M. Boreman. Until the year 1866 Mr. Wade was interested in the drug and photograph business with Mr. Boreman and others. In the latter year he gave up his other interests and confined his attention to the drug trade exclusively, and has since been thus engaged, having built up one of the largest houses in the state in his line. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Stephenson, daughter of J. M. Stephenson, a prominent citizen of Wood county. Four children have blessed their union. Mr. Wade has for a number of years been a large stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants flouring mill, and is also a considerable stockholder and director in the Parkersburg National bank, and has been prominently identified with the different building and loan associations of the city from their inception, owning twenty-five acres of land adjoining Elberon, which is laid off in building lots.

William H. Warne, the pioneer furniture dealer and under-

taker of Parkersburg, was born in Washington county, Penn., in 1839, the son of A. I. Warne and Mary Warne, also natives of Washington county, where the father was engaged in farming until 1852, when he came to Wood county, Va. (now West Virginia), and settled near this city, where he died in 1878, on the 17th of January. He was the father of ten children. His son, William H., was given ample educational advantages in the public schools of Washington county. He then began farming, which occupation he followed for some years. He served an apprenticeship to the joiner's trade under Samuel Stewart, after which he worked at his trade as a journeyman until 1871, in which year he embarked in the undertaking business in company with R. A. Little, but he soon purchased his partner's interest in the business, and subsequently associated himself with G. K. Leonard, and engaged in the furniture business. Mr. C. C. Martin soon after became one of the firm, but in March, 1882, Mr. Warne purchased the latter's share, and has since conducted it alone. In 1866 Miss Rosa Warren became his wife, the union having resulted in the birth of six children. Mr. Warne was one of the originators of the Homestead Building association, and is also a large stockholder in the Electric Light company of this place, and a stockholder in the Citizens' bank. He is a republican in politics. Mr. Warne is recognized as one of the able and enterprising business men of Parkersburg. He is sagacious and industrious, and above all, is a man of the strictest integrity.

Hon. Albert B. White, ex-president of the National Editorial association, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, September 22, 1856. At the age of fourteen he acted as his father's private secretary, and thus gained his first knowledge of the mysteries of journalism, as his father was the publisher of two educational magazines, the *Ohio Educational Monthly* and the *National Teacher*, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio. Since that time Mr. White has been actively engaged in newspaper work, with the exception of four years spent at Marietta college, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated as valedictorian of the large class of 1878. After leaving college he became a third owner of the *Daily Journal* of Lafayette, Ind., and for three years was managing editor of that paper. The effect which the climate of that section had on Mr. White's health forced him to seek another residence more favorable to his temperament. Accordingly in December, 1881, he purchased the *State Journal*, of Parkersburg, W. Va. Since coming into his hands this paper has been vastly improved. Its aim is higher, the field it covers wider, and the circulation greatly extended. In July, 1883, Mr. S. B. Baker became associated with him and they then commenced the publication of a daily edition, which has since be-

come one of the most influential papers in the state. As a republican journal it has accomplished great things for that party; and as a newspaper it has opened a new era in journalism to the people of Parkersburg. Mr. White has been president of the West Virginia press association, and has ably filled other offices in that organization. At the Denver meeting of the National editorial association he was elected president to succeed the Hon. Charles H. Jones, now editor of the *St. Louis Republic*. In June, 1889, he was appointed collector of internal revenue for the district of West Virginia by President Harrison, but his hand still holds the helm of the *Daily State Journal*. On the 2nd of October, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Ward, of Marietta, Ohio, great-granddaughter of General Artemas Ward, of Revolutionary fame, and a descendant of one of the most influential pioneer families of the Ohio valley. Three daughters and two sons have come to add joy to this cultured home. Mr. White's father, E. E. White, LL. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of the best known educators of modern times. He was formerly a school commissioner of Ohio, and as the president of Purdue university, of Indiana, and later as superintendent of the schools of Cincinnati, he became known throughout the country. He is the author of a number of standard educational works in Psychology, Pedagogy, and of a series of Arithmetics. "White's Arithmetic" is a household name, it has been, and is now used more, perhaps, than any other text book on this science in the United States. Mr. Albert B. White is a member of the Masonic order, and is a republican of republicans.

One of the most prominent German residents of Parkersburg, is Mr. R. Wild. Mr. Wild was born in Germany, near the French boundary line, in 1842, his father being Rudolph Wild. Rudolph brought his family to this country in 1854, and located at Pittsburg, where he lived at the time of his death, in 1884. He was a merchant. The son's education was commenced in the schools of his native land, but was completed after his coming to the United States. After leaving school he was apprenticed to a confectioner for four years. He learned the details of this business in the cities of Pittsburg and Philadelphia. In 1862 he embarked in the business for himself at Pittsburg, remaining there until 1865, when he came to this city, of which he has since been a resident. Mr. Wild conducts a very large confectionery manufactory, and the reputation of his goods has become so extended that Parkersburg is by no means the only market for them. Miss Pahl, of Parkersburg, became his wife in 1872, and has borne him five children, two sons and three daughters, all of whom are living. In addition to his extensive confectionery business, Mr. Wild was for some years largely interested in the ice business, and is at present a director of the Parkersburg Ice com-

pany, and also a stockholder in the Parkersburg Insurance company as well as a director in the Homestead Building and Loan association of this place. He has always been deeply interested in politics, having been very active as a republican, and for a number of years has been kept in the city council by the will of the people. In the latter body he has done good service. He is highly respected by the business community of the city, and is reputed to be a man of much ability and of rigid honesty.

Henry Stewart Wilson, senior member of the extensive lumber firm of H. Wilson & Sons, was born near Harrisburg, Penn., in 1829, his parents being Robert and Mary (Stewart) Wilson. Both parents were born in Ireland, whence the father emigrated to America just after the close of the war of 1812. He located at Harrisburg, Penn., and remained there until his death, having reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. Two sons are the only surviving members of his family of seven children. Henry Stewart Wilson was graduated from the Strasburg academy in Lancaster county, Penn., and also took a course in the Harrisburg Military academy. For seven years he was engaged in civil engineering. In 1856 he embarked in the lumber business near Harrisburg, where he remained until 1871, when he came to Dodderidge county, W. Va., and for two years carried on a lumber trade there. At the expiration of this time he went to Grafton, and in 1889 became a resident of Parkersburg. At the time of his settlement in this city, Mr. Wilson erected a large lumber mill, and later built extensive mills in Ritchie county. Miss Annie Ennis, of Huntingdon, Penn., became his wife in 1856, and they are the parents of five children, the two eldest sons, Robert and Harry, now being partners in their father's business. In addition to his extensive lumber interests Mr. Wilson has engaged largely in other concerns. He was chief engineer and superintendent of construction of the Grafton & Greebriar railroad, and is at present engaged in re-laying the tracks of the old Riche Mines railroad. He is a director of the new insane asylum now in course of erection at Spencer, and was one of the organizers of the Valley River boom company, of which he was secretary for a number of years. Mr. Wilson has been one of the most active lumbermen in this state for several years and has done as much as any other one man toward the development of the immense natural resources of this great state. These are the men who in future years will be accorded their rightful honors as the real founders of the state, so long allowed to lie inactive, while capital and labor were attracted to states further west with not one-half its natural wealth.

William H. Wolfe, cashier of the Second National bank, of Parkersburg, was born in that city in 1837, the son of Daniel and Lydia A. (Smith) Wolfe, both of whom were born in Virginia.

The father was the son of Reece Wolfe, a native of Delaware, who came to Virginia in 1797, and located at Morgantown and removed to Parkersburg about one year later. In 1834 he removed from this city to the west. During his residence here he held many important public offices, among them being that of high-sheriff and magistrate. In 1848 he died in Highland county, Ohio. He was the father of a large family of children. Daniel N. Wolfe was born in Wood county, Va., in 1806, where he was given a fair education. For several years he was engaged in teaching school in different portions of the state. Subsequently he became interested in agriculture, and in the manufacture of brick. His demise occurred in 1865. During the war he held many important offices under the government, and died respected and beloved by a large circle of friends. His marriage to the mother of William H. Wolfe was solemnized in Parkersburg. They had two children: William H., and a brother, Daniel Reece, both of whom survive their parents, their mother having passed away in 1843. Mr. William H. Wolfe was a student in the schools of his native city for several years. While still in his early youth he secured a clerkship with Mr. T. Smith in his general store, and remained with him for six years. In 1859 he entered the employ of the Parkersburg branch of the Northwestern bank of Virginia, and was thus occupied until 1865, when, with Gen. J. J. Jackson, J. W. Dils, George Loomis, H. P. Dils, Judge J. J. Jackson, Walton Waite and others, he organized the Second National bank, of which he was elected cashier, and has held that position continuously since. Mr. Wolfe was married in 1862 to Miss Maria C. Morehead, who bore him a daughter: Ina M. Mrs. Wolfe died in 1864. His second wife was Mrs. Johanna M. Wait, by whom he had a son: William H., Jr. Mr. Wolfe is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen. He has taken an active part in promoting the best interests of the city from the beginning of his business career. He is interested in the street railroad company, and is also a considerable stockholder in the Parkersburg chair factory.

JACKSON COUNTY.

Holly G. Armstrong, the present efficient clerk of the senate, was born in Jackson county in 1852, and he is not yet forty years of age. Of easy and polite manners, a good voice and amiable disposition, he possesses all the concomitants of a first-class legislative clerk. He is a West Virginian, and owes his citizenship to birth not importation. Thanks to a liberal father, his education has been somewhat extended. After careful preliminary training, he entered the Ohio university at Athens, as a student in 1870, graduating in 1873. On his return from the university

his father, Jacob L. Armstrong, Esq. (for eighteen years clerk of the circuit and county courts of Jackson), took him into his office as deputy. To those who are familiar with the routine of a clerk's office, it is scarcely necessary to say that, in this service with his father, young Armstrong acquired certain valuable accomplishments that handsomely equipped him for after life. For a time he was a merchant, subsequently a commercial traveler until in the year 1885. He received from President Cleveland the appointment of agent for the Crow Nation, or tribes, this agency then being located at Fort Custer, Mont., where Custer was massacred, and his command destroyed by hostiles. After his appointment, Mr. Armstrong visited the agency but failed to discern anything favorable in the outlook. As a consequence, he threw up his commission and returned to West Virginia; whereupon the president appointed him chief of what is termed "The Stamp Division," in the internal revenue bureau, which position he held to the end of Cleveland's administration. In this position he was required to keep and settle the accounts of internal revenue collectors — fill their requisition for stamps, a thing in itself which amounted to an average aggregate collection of half million dollars a day. After tendering his resignation he returned home and was made chairman of the democratic executive committee of Jackson, and by close canvassing and organization wheeled old Jackson into the ranks of democracy by electing one representative, county clerk and county commissioner, reducing the republican majority from 300 to seventy-six. But few men in West Virginia are more popular than Holly Armstrong, and certain it is, this growing young man has a strong hold on his friends and acquaintances. Mr. Armstrong holds membership with the Ripley lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., Royal Arch chapter, No. 13, of Charleston and Kanawha commandery, No. 4, K. T., of the same city. In 1875 he was united in wedlock to Miss Mary E., daughter of Richie Robinson, by whom he has had one child, Harry F. His wife's father was a native of England, but she was born in Johnstown, Penn. She is a member of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church, while her husband is a communicant of the Presbyterian church.

J. L. Armstrong, cashier of the Ravenswood bank, was born in Lewis county, W. Va., July 24, 1829. His parents were John J. P. and Margaret (Jones) Armstrong. The father was a native of Bath county, Va., and the mother of Wales, the latter having moved to America when a child with her parents. In 1844 the father of our subject moved to Jackson county, when he retired from the practice of medicine, and afterward went to Roane, county, where he died. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Our subject came to Jackson county when sixteen years of age. He obtained a limited edu-

cation, but by diligent and hard study procured a fair business education. At an early age he began clerking in the mercantile business. In 1849 he was appointed deputy sheriff of Jackson county, which position he held for four years. Afterward he was in the general mercantile trade at Jackson Court House, until the breaking out of the war, when he was appointed clerk of the circuit court, which place he held for two years. After a brief occupation in manufacturing woolen goods, he was elected clerk of the circuit court of said county for a term of four years, after which he was elected clerk of the county court, and this office he held for fourteen consecutive years. In 1885 he came to Ravenswood, and has since been cashier and general manager of the Bank of Ravenswood. It is conceded to be one of the best banks in the state and the credit of this is chiefly given to Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong is also president of the Jackson County Building and Loan association, and vice-president of the Ravenswood District Fair association, of which he was one of the organizers. He is a member of Ashton lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M, and Ravenswood lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F. For six years he was a member of the board of directors of the state insane asylum; also served as member of the board of regents of the state university for several years. He now holds the office of general receiver of the circuit court, and has held the same for ten years. In 1854 he married Miss Eliza Jane, daughter of W. G. Ayres, of Bath county, Va. She died in 1876, leaving three children, viz.: Holly G., who is now clerk of the state senate of West Virginia; Virginia, wife of W. W. Riley, clerk of the circuit, and J. V., now one of the clerks in the bank. He again married in 1889, his second wife being Miss Bertie E. Glenn, of Uniontown, Penn. Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and it is needless to add that he and wife occupy high rank in the social world.

D. M. Baker was born in Jackson county, September 19, 1846, his parents being Elijah and Nancy (Wolf) Baker. The father was born at Horseshoe Bend, Randolph county, W. Va., October 4, 1815. He was a son of John Baker, who settled four miles below the three forks of Reedy Creek, where he took up a large tract of land, which he cleared, and afterward died there. The father of our subject, after his marriage, settled upon part of this tract of land but afterward moved to Elk Fork, of Mill Creek, and thence to Reedy Creek, two miles above the three forks, where our subject was born, thence to LeRoy, where he has lived for over forty years. He has held the position of postmaster at his place for over thirty years, ever since the erection of the office, except Cleveland's administration. He served eight months in the Fourth Virginia cavalry, Federal army, hold-

ing the position of commissary of his company. He has been an active member of the Methodist Protestant church at LeRoy, holding the position of trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school and a notary public, and has sold goods twenty-five years at said place. Five of his children are now living, William H., the oldest child, was a member of the Eleventh West Virginia infantry, Company F, and died at Andersonville prison. The surviving children are: D. M. America, wife of J. M. Spicer; Almansa S., wife of J. A. Cole, of Kansas, Franklin P. and Elizabeth, wife of Michael Tatterson, of Roane county. After obtaining his education in the public schools of Jackson county our subject learned the silversmith's trade, which he has followed for twenty years. He resided on a farm near his father until 1888, when he settled near Sandyville, on his father-in-law's homestead, which he purchased. He is an active member of the republican party and was a member of the district republican committee for several years. He now holds the position of notary public and constable. He was united in matrimony, January 31, 1872, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Hon. John Johnston, by whom he had seven children: John M., Della, Nannie O., Greek, James E., Ida Belle and Charles. Our subject's great-grandfather was a German. He served in the Revolutionary war as captain in the American army.

James E. Brown is a native of Noble county, Ohio, where his birth took place March 5, 1836, his parents being John and Jane (Stewart) Brown. The father was born in Greenbrier county, W. Va., and the mother in New York city. William Brown, the grandfather of our subject, came from the Emerald Isle, settling first in Greenbrier county and afterward in Noble county, Ohio, when there were but six families in his township. He was a prominent man of that day and filled various township offices. The father of our subject was but a child when he went to Noble county. He was a farmer by occupation and served as justice of the peace, township clerk, etc. He moved to Jackson county in 1855 and located near Cottageville, on a farm, where he resided until 1866. Four of his children are still living, as follows: William H., of San Francisco, Cal., who has served there as sheriff, member of the state senate, and United States surveyor, being now commissioner of the port and harbor at Frisco; James E., J. S., and Elizabeth, wife of F. M. Sisson, of Colorado. Our subject was reared and educated in Noble county, and for thirty years engaged in farming and stock dealing. He moved to Jackson county with his parents, and in 1864, in connection with T. J. Crum, established a general store at Sandy, but only continued for two years. He resumed the business of buying and selling stock until 1879, when he established his present store. He is a charter member of the Sandy Creek

Boom & Lumber company, and a stockholder in the R. S. & G. railroad. In 1866 he was elected to the state legislature, where he served two terms, and for several years has been president of the board of education. In 1869 he was wedded to Miss Florence, daughter of Col. James Armstrong, by whom he has four children: Frank H., George W., Mabel and Julia S. Mr. Brown holds membership with the southern Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife belongs to the Baptist denomination.

John Stewart Brown was born May 16th, 1840, in Noble county, Ohio, being a son of John and Jane (Stewart) Brown. They being children of William H. Brown and Jane Brown, and John Stewart and Jane Stewart, as grandparents, the former two from Scotland and Virginia, respectively, and the last named from Wales and France, respectively. At the age of fifteen years he came to West Virginia with his parents, and was engaged in farming up to 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-second Virginia volunteer infantry, Confederate army, with which he served twelve months. On the 22nd day of May, 1862, at the battle of Lewisburg, W. Va., he was shot, causing a compound fracture of the thigh. After being in the Confederate hospital for five months, he came through to the border near home, he was captured and taken to Camp Chase, at Columbus, Ohio, and remained there six months. After being paroled returned home and engaged in buying horses for the United States government. In 1871, he was married to Miss Carrie, daughter of John and Catherine Lasher, of Rutland, Meigs county, Ohio, they being from Dutchess county, N. Y., by whom he had three children: John A., Carl L. and Herold S. Leaving his farm in 1881, he established a general mercantile business near the town of Sandy. He has always been a member of the democratic party. Fraternally, he is connected with the Ripley lodge, A. F. & A. M. Religiously, he and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, he acting as steward of this charge, and she as president of the missionary society at this place, and highly esteemed by her neighbors.

Joseph H. Brown was born in Brooke county, W. Va., December 23, 1847, and is a son of William D. and Ellen (Pachle) Brown, natives of Brooke county, W. Va., respectively. They removed to California at an early day and subsequently died there. Our subject went to the "Golden state" with his parents when a child. He was reared there and received a limited education in the public schools of that state. In 1865 he returned to Jackson county, W. Va., and engaged in farming for Hon. R. S. Brown, of Ravenswood. He remained with him for eight years and then settled upon his present farm near Sandyville, Jackson county. He takes an active interest in politics, and is considered one of the democratic leaders in his district, being their candi-

date in 1890 for the house of delegates. He holds the position of school trustee in his district, and is generally identified with matters concerning the general welfare. He was married in 1873 to Miss Charlotte, daughter of Col. Milton Wells, by whom he has had three children: Ida R., Mary E., and Jessie A. Mr. Brown is a member of Ashton lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M., of Ravenswood. His wife is a communicant of the Christian church, and the family is generally respected.

J. M. Carney, M. D., is a native of Jackson county, where he was born in 1852. His father, Enoch Carney, was also a native of Jackson, where his birth took place February 18, 1826, his parents being Jesse and Sarah (Green) Carney, natives of Virginia. Jesse was a grandson of Thomas Carney, who was one of the earliest settlers of what is now Jackson county. Jesse Carney served as magistrate of Jackson for over twenty years. Enoch Carney, the father of our subject, was married in 1849 to Miss Martha Van Dine, since which time he has been engaged in farming. Their family consists of six children, as follows: Jemima, wife of Henry Click; Dr. J. M., R. H., William A., Lottie, deceased, and Jefferson. Our subject was reared on the homestead farm, educated in the public schools and read medicine with Dr. McGuire, of Jackson Court House. He attended the college of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1877, since which time he has practiced at his profession at Jackson Court House, except two years spent in Kanawha county. He holds membership in the medical society of the state, also belongs to Ripley lodge, A. F. & A. M. His politics are democratic, and he was nominated by his party in 1890 as candidate for the house of delegates, and was elected and served as a member in 1871. He served as a member of the town council for three years. His marriage took place in 1878 to Miss Rowena, daughter of Joseph Pauly, of Kanawha county, by whom he has five children: Mattie, Rudie, Romeo, Bessie and Eva. The doctor and family stand well socially, and enjoy great popularity.

Christopher Click was born in Germany, August 15, 1837, his parents being Christopher and Barbara (Rapbold) Click. They came to America in 1838 and purchased a farm in Beaver county, Penn., where they resided until 1859, when they came to Jackson county and settled on Little Mill Creek, one mile from Schoolhouse. The father died there in 1856, but the mother still resides on the home place. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Seven of their children are living as follows: Christopher, Philip, Henry, Andrew, George, Jacob and Sarah, wife of Peter Durst. The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood in Beaver county, Penn., where he received the ordinary common school education. After quitting school, he engaged in farming until 1879, when he established his present

mercantile business. He has served as postmaster at Schoolhouse ever since the establishment of the office in 1885. He is a man who has many friends and has been successful in his business affairs.

Thomas Coleman, the subject of this sketch, was a more than ordinary man. Born in the wildnerness of Kanawha county, June 22, 1801, in the first year of the first term of President Thomas Jefferson, he was given the name of that illustrious patriot and statesman, and through all the years of his long life he maintained and supported the political views of his great name-sake. Mr. Coleman's father, James Coleman, died in 1803, and his mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Anderson, died in 1804, leaving Thomas an orphan, friendless and destitute. He was provided for the first several years by a maternal uncle, and at the age of fourteen, was bound out to the blacksmith trade; but was harshly treated by his master, required to do work beyond his youthful strength, and scourged and abused when he failed to perform his tasks. His spirit was too proud to stand such treatment, and at the age of fifteen he went on the river as cook on a keel-boat, for then no steamboat had been invented; no railroads, and no mode of water transportation except by keel-boats and other water crafts, propelled by hand. He soon arose to the dignity of a "push hand"; built for himself a batteau, and was his own captain, peddling salt from the Kanawha salines and up the Ohio as far as Wheeling. And he, in this way, acquired the means to purchase the first piece of land he ever owned. On December 23, 1823, Mr. Coleman was happily married to Sarah Roush, daughter of Henry and Anna Roush, of Meigs county, Ohio; and, singular as it may seem, this same Anna Roush is still alive and quite firm and cheerful at the age of one hundred and four years. Mr. Coleman, with his young wife, settled on a farm on the Ohio river wholly in the woods, in a cabin, and then began the joint struggle for life and livelihood. In the year 1804 Mason county was organized, and extended up the Ohio river to the mouth of Pond creek, at the Wood county line, including Letart Falls, where Mr. Coleman was born, and Muses Bottom where he lived during his years of maturity; and, in 1831, Jackson county was organized out of Mason with the upper line at Pond creek, and Mr. Coleman's farm on Muses Bottom was included in this new county. He was appointed by the governor of Virginia a justice of the peace, whose duty it was to try all civil cases in the county brought before him, when the matter in the controversy did not exceed twenty dollars; to enter fines in certain small cases, and to bind over in greater offenses to answer before the grand jury; and it was his further duty to attend and sit as a justice of the county court whenever summoned to that duty, which was generally about twenty-four days

in each year. He held this office for twenty years, until the new constitution took effect, July 1, 1852; and, during all that service, he did not receive, and was not allowed to take a single cent for his loss of time, services and expenses paid out by him; this was the case with all the other justices, twenty in number, of this county, except the oldest justice in commission was commissioned by the governor as high sheriff of the county for a term of two years; which office generally bankrupted its incumbent; or at least that was the case in Jackson county, and many other counties of Virginia. This service in that office by Mr. Coleman is mentioned as an example of all the justices of the state of Virginia during that time. Mr. Coleman is believed to be the last survivor of the justices who sat with him on the bench in this county. On the Fourth of July, 1876, at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of American independence, at Ravenswood, Mr. Coleman, then past seventy-five years old, made a lengthy speech in which he gave an account of his early struggles and experiences, and of the early history of this county, which elicited the closest attention from the thousands of people congregated on that great and memorable occasion. This speech was published in the newspapers at the time and will be long remembered by those who heard it as an evidence of the sterling common sense and ability of this gentleman, recently removed from our sight. Mr. Coleman raised a large family of children. David, his eldest son, moved to Missouri many years ago, and died there. Henry R. Coleman is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and a noted traveler and lecturer on the Holy Land. The other son and three daughters living are settled with independent competence in this county. For several years past, Mr. Coleman had become quite fleshy, and almost helpless; but he still continued to attend to his large business until he was no longer able to leave his house; and, when he could go no longer, he settled down with composure and resignation at the unusual age of eighty-nine years, nearly twenty years beyond the appointed time for human life's duration, to await the change that separates all mankind from earth; and, when the time came, he was ready to depart, "Like one who calmly wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." The large concourse of people who attended his funeral attests the respect they entertained for this prominent old pioneer. The religious services were conducted by Rev. McClung and Rev. Gosling, ministers of the denomination in which the deceased had worshiped, and his remains were interred beside the wife of his youth, in the walled cemetery on his farm, prepared many years ago, for this purpose.

J. T. Crum, proprietor of the Sandy Valley Star Mills, was a native of Monroe county, Ohio, where he was born October 3,

1830. His parents were David and Mary (Crow) Crum, the father was a native of Ohio, and the mother of Pennsylvania. They were early settlers of Monroe county, where they engaged in farming. His farm became a part of Noble when that county was organized. He and wife were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he served as steward for many years. His first wife died in 1854, and he then married a Mrs. Cooley who survives him and lives on the homestead in Noble county. His death took place in 1871. Twelve children were born to the first marriage of whom the living are: George J. T., Mary A., wife of William Huffman; Martin, Henry, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Susanah May and Eliza J., widow of William Lee, living in Colorado. Our subject was reared on the homestead farm, and after finishing his schooling was engaged in farming a number of years. April 16, 1855, he purchased a farm of 115 acres in Union townsnip, Jackson county, where he raised the first tobacco in that district, being the first man to introduce its cultivation into the county. In 1864 he removed to Hartford City, Mason county, where he engaged in the mercantile business, and in 1865 came to Sandyville, where he established a general store buying and shipping tobacco for fifteen years. In 1880 he sold his business to Mr. J. S. Brown, and in the same year purchased his present mill, which he has remodeled with a full roller process, now having what is regarded as the best property of the kind in the county. He is a stockholder and director of the Ravenswood bank, was president of the District Fair association, and one of its principal organizers. In 1866, he was president of the commissioners court of Jackson county, serving for two years. For many years he was president of the Sandyville board of education. He is a member of Ashton lodge, A. F. & A. M. In 1851 he married Miss Mary B., daughter of John and Jane M. Brown. His wife died July 14, 1890, leaving six children, viz.: Louisa, wife of W. C. Van Meter; Harriet J., wife of W. V. Atha, of Colorado; Mary D., widow of O. E. Atkins; Martha S., wife of J. M. Cunningham, of South Dakota; Florence, wife of M. L. Cole and Charles E. who is a partner in the mill business. Mr. Crum has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, for many years, and holds the office of steward and class leader.

James E. Cutlip was born in Braxton county, W. Va., November 23, 1864, being a son of Wilson and Lucinda (Berry) Cutlip. His father was a miller and farmer by occupation, who died in 1882, but the mother still survives and is married to William Burk. They reared a family of eight children: Elizabeth, wife of William Perrine, of Jackson county; Catherine, wife of Absalom Toler, of Kentucky; Lovena, wife of J. M. Shields, of Jackson county; Newton, John M., Joel, James E. and A. H., all of

Braxton county. Our subject was educated in the public schools and at the state university at Morgantown. December 22, 1886, he espoused Miss Clarice B., daughter of Samuel H. Whitney, of Glenville. In 1887 he went to Kansas and engaged as clerk and book-keeper in a wholesale dry goods store. In the fall of 1888 he came to Jackson C. H. and was appointed principal of a school at that place, which position he held until 1890, when he accepted the position of first assistant in the Ravenswood schools. Mr. Cutlip has two children: Eva Margaret, born October 7, 1887, and Rebecca Whiting, born March 11, 1890. Mr. Cutlip is democratic in his politics, and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

A. H. Casto, M. D., was born near Ripley, February 9, 1844, being a son of Levi and Hannah (Carney) Casto. They were natives of West Virginia, and early settlers of Jackson (then Mason) county. The father was one of the first men to clear up the Mill Creek valley. He was a son of Thomas Casto, who also settled and died in Mill Creek valley. The father of our subject became one of the well-to-do farmers of the valley. He died in 1882, a member of the Protestant church, but his wife still survives him and resides on the homestead farm. Eight of their children are living: Joseph H., of Wirt county, who was captain of Company G, Seventeenth Virginia cavalry, during the late rebellion; B. W., G. B., of Sandy, lieutenant of Company G, Seventeenth Virginia cavalry; A. H., F. A. H., D. C., attorney in Wirt county, C. C. and C. E. Our subject was educated at Roanoke college, in Salem, Va., and subsequently studied medicine with Drs. Hoyt and Hayworth, of Ravenswood. He attended the Miami Medical college of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1871, and began practice near Ripley. He moved to Sandy in 1869, where he has since practiced his profession. In 1862, he joined Company G, Seventeenth Virginia cavalry, Confederate army, and lost his right leg at the battle of Cedar Creek, in 1863, which resulted in his being honorably discharged from the service. October 19, 1871, he was united in wedlock with Miss Florence P., daughter of T. J. Dawkins, by whom he has five children: Forrest Lee, Millia E., Addie G., Roscoe D. and Francis F. Mr. and Mrs. Casto are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they enjoy good social standing as well as general popularity.

Michael Davis, a well-known merchant of Jackson county, was born in Union district, of the county mentioned, July 4, 1845, and is the son of Elijah and Miranda (Hupp) Davis. These parents were natives of Washington county, Ohio, and among the very early settlers in Union district. They located at Ripley Landing, where the father kept a wood yard and ware-house for some time. Elijah Davis still survives, but his wife died in 1884.

They reared eight children, only three of whom are now living: Susan, wife of Alfred Douglas; Sarah, wife of Abraham Price, and Michael. Our subject received an ordinary common school education, and in 1873, engaged in the mercantile business. He has a store at Ripley Landing, one at Millwood, and one at Givens, all in Jackson county. Politically, he affiliates with the democratic party, and fraternally is connected with Ripley lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M. In 1869, he was happily married to Miss Charlotte, daughter of Miranda Douglass, of Jackson county, by whom he had six children as follows: Nora, Mary, Miranda, Elijah, Gula and J. Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are people who are well thought of by all who know them, and they have many friends in the section where they live.

Reuben Douglass was born at the mouth of Mill creek, in Jackson county, September 12, 1818, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Richards) Douglass. His father was born in Harrison county, came to Jackson when a young man and after marriage settled at the mouth of Mill creek following keel-boating, making trips to Charleston and also to Pittsburg. He afterwards purchased a farm of 500 acres of river bottom land and became one of the well-to-do farmers of his county. His success in life is entirely due to his own efforts as he started very poor. He and wife both died on the homestead farm after rearing a family of ten children to maturity, of whom six are now living as follows: Reuben, Alfred, Miranda, Hiram, Nancy, wife of John Rand, of Wyoming, and Elizabeth, wife of Bartlett Pickins. Our subject was reared on the homestead and received but a limited education. He has followed boating to some extent but has been principally engaged in farming. In 1842, he married Miss Sarah, daughter of George Stone, of Jackson county, and settled upon a farm on Mill creek. His wife died in 1864, leaving the following surviving children: George T., Oscar, Hiram R., Eliza, wife of William Seamons, Minerva Jane, wife of A. C. Aultz, Ellen, wife of Spencer McKay, Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Hayman, Lucinda, wife of C. M. Brown, Sallie, wife of C. T. Kneeream. He married again Mrs. Mary E. Blake (*nee* Morehead), of Wood county, and in 1887 moved to his present farm near Ravenswood. He has been justice of the peace and constable, and belongs to Ripley lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is also one of the original stockholders of the Ravenswood District Fair association and Bank of Ravenswood. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, south.

Hiram Douglass was born at Ripley Landing, Jackson county, July 24, 1836, being a son of John and Elizabeth (Richards) Douglass. He was reared in the county of his nativity where he received a limited education, and has since been principally engaged in farming. In 1862 he established a mercantile business

at Ripley Landing, but disposed of the same in 1863, and kept store in Apple Grove and Hartford City. In 1865 he returned to Ripley Landing, where he continued in business up to 1870, when he sold out and engaged in farming entirely up to 1886. In the last mentioned year he erected a fine store building and opened business again, continuing in the same to April, 1889. For the past two years he has been extensively engaged in buying and shipping railroad ties, being now one of the largest operators in that line in Jackson county. He is director and treasurer of the Mill Creek Boom and Lumber company, of which he is a charter member. He was married in 1864 to Miss Mary, daughter of Hamilton Parr, of Meigs county, Ohio, by whom he has six children: Lulu Lee, wife of E. M. Holloday, of Wheeling; Lorania E., Hattie E., Hiram A., Floyd B. and Fanny M. In 1866 he was appointed as the second postmaster at Ripley Landing, and remained in that office up to 1871, when he resigned in favor of his brother, but was again appointed in 1887, and continued in the office until September, 1889. His wife is a member of the Southern Methodist church, and the family enjoy very general esteem among those who know them well.

W. M. Fisher, a general merchant at Jackson Court House, was born in the county near the Kanawha line, May 22, 1859, and is a son of Greenbury and Juliet (Koontz) Fisher. The father is a native of Jackson and the mother of Mason county, the former being one of the prominent farmers of Jackson. His father has held the office of the justice of the peace for several years, and also postmaster at Fisher's Point for many years. Our subject remained on the homestead farm until twenty-two years of age, rereceiving but an ordinary education, and at the age mentioned above, he engaged in business in Sisonsville, in Kanawha county. He remained there for two years, then moved to Paradise, in Putnam county, where he established a general mercantile store, and served as postmaster for a number of years. He came to Jackson Court House in March, 1889, and is considered one of the leading merchants of that place. He holds membership in Ripley lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., and affiliates politically with the republican party. In 1883 he was wedded to Miss Maggie, daughter of William Martin, of Sisonsville, by whom he had one child, Alva. Mr. Fisher and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he holds the position of superintendent of Sunday school. He started life in very straightened circumstances, but by pluck and energy has established himself very comfortably in the world.

Major Nicholas Fitzhugh claims nativity in the county of Fauquier in old Virginia, the date of his birth being January 4, 1823. His parents were Henry and Henrietta Fitzhugh, the father being born in Virginia in 1783 and the mother in Alexandria, then

in the district of Columbia, in 1789. After marriage, they settled in Fauquier county, where the father became a large land owner. In 1834, they moved to Charleston, W. Va., where they engaged in the manufacture of salt. In 1840 they transferred their residence to Jackson county, and located on the tract of land which he had owned for several years. On this tract of land he laid out the site for what is now the town of Ravenswood. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Hon. Nicholas Fitzhugh, one of the judges appointed by President Jefferson for the district of Columbia in 1804. Her mother was a grand-niece of Gen. Washington and the tract of land spoken of above, now Ravenswood, was willed to her and her sisters by the first president, it being purchased from them by the father of our subject. He was a leading man in the early history of Jackson county, being politically affiliated with the whigs. His death occurred in Ravenswood in 1855, his wife surviving him until 1879. They were prominent members of the Episcopal church and the building now owned by the denomination in Ravenswood was erected by them. Their family consisted of ten children, six of whom are now living: George N., of Louisiana; Theodoric B., Nicholas, Mary H., wife of A. A. Quarrier, late of Louisville; Sarah A., who became Mrs. J. F. Cotton of Charleston, now deceased; Henrietta F., widow of D. M. Barre, now living in Charleston. Major Fitzhugh went with his parents to Kanawha county when thirteen years of age. In 1836 he entered what is now the Washing-Lee university and also attended the Marietta college for three years. He studied law in the office of Judge Arius Nye of Marietta; was admitted to the Jackson county bar and began the practice in Ravenswood. In 1846 he moved to Charleston, where he continued the practice of his profession until 1888, when he returned to Ravenswood where he has since resided on the old homestead erected by his father. In 1857-58 he represented Kanawha county in the Virginia state legislature. In 1872 he was a member of the West Virginia constitutional convention, representing the district comprising the counties of Nicholas, Kanawha, Putnam and Mason, and in 1876 he was one of the state electors of West Virginia, and cast his vote for Mr. Tilden as president. In 1861 he entered the Confederate service as a member of the Kanawha riflemen, with the rank of lieutenant. In 1862 he was appointed adjutant of the Jenkins cavalry brigade and remained with them until the surrender at Appomatox, participating in many of the noted battles. His first marriage took place in 1847 to Miss Martha D., daughter of Samuel Shrewsbury of Kanawha. She died in 1875, leaving three sons and two daughters as follows: Henry, Nicholas, Jr., Lawrence S., Laura S., wife of A. A. Preston of Alabama; Mattie F., wife of S. F. Morris of New York. Major Fitzhugh was again married

in 1877 to Miss Laura S. Shrewsberry, a sister of his former wife, by whom he has two sons and one daughter, viz.: Norman, Hugh and Edith W. The grandmother of his wife was Harriet Washington, the niece and ward of Gen. Washington. She married Andrew Parks. Mrs. Fitzhugh is a member of the Presbyterian church. The family occupies a high social rank and enjoys an extensive acquaintance and popularity.

Hon. R. F. Fleming, a prominent attorney at law in Ravenswood, was born in Marion county, W. Va., February 14, 1842, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Rhoda (Brooks) Fleming. His father was a native of Marion county, and his mother a daughter of Rev. Asa Brooks, of Massachusetts. William Fleming, or "Captain Billy," as he was generally known, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Marion county, having moved there with his parents when a boy. He was a farmer and drover by occupation, and many is the head of stock that he has driven to the city of Richmond. He was captain of a company which took part in one of the Indian wars, and died in Marion county, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven. Benjamin F. Fleming was born in 1809, received a good education in the Marion county schools, and was considered one of the prominent farmers of his locality. Politically he was a whig and a strong Union man. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He died in 1876, but his wife still survives him. Their family consists of the following named children: A. B. Fleming, governor of West Virginia; R. F., our subject; George M., attorney at law in Buchanan, and Lucy, now Mrs. Frank E. Steward, of Nebraska. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Marion county, and at Morgantown university. In 1861 he was afflicted with paralysis, which prostrated him for three years, and compelled him to leave school. He studied law with Ephraim B. Hall; also in the office of his brother, Hon. A. B. Fleming, and was admitted to the bar in 1865, beginning the practice of law in Gilmore county. In 1880 he was elected on the republican ticket as judge of the sixth circuit, for a term of eight years. In May, 1882, he moved to Ravenswood, where he has since resided. For two years he was prosecuting attorney of Gilmore county, and for twelve years president of the Independent school district at Glenville, which position he resigned to go on the bench, January, 1880. In 1890, he was nominated by the republican party of Jackson to represent it in the house of delegates. He was a member of the state board of commissioners from the first congressional district in 1869–70, to assess the railroad property of the state. In 1873 he married Miss Emily Moore, daughter of C. J. Moore, cashier of the Exchange bank of Weston. The two children of this marriage are May and Charles Moore. Mr. Fleming is a member of the

Presbyterian church, while his wife affiliates with Episcopal denomination. They are estimable and popular people.

W. T. Greer, a private banker of Jackson Court House, was born in that county, March 4, 1837, being a son of William and Martha (Monroe) Greer. He was educated in the public schools of Jackson county, and attended one term at the Commercial college at Pittsburg. He was appointed deputy sheriff of Jackson county, under his brother, John M. Greer, in which position he served two terms. In 1860 he was elected sheriff of the county, and served until the breaking out of the war, when he was again solicited to take the office but declined. In 1864 he engaged in the mercantile business at Jackson Court House, with his brother, under the firm name of J. M. & W. T. Greer. The name was successively changed to William T. Greer & Co., Payne, Smith & Co., Armstrong & Greer. He continued in the mercantile business for over seventeen years, and became one of the leading merchants of the place. Since his retirement from that business he has devoted his time to managing his farm near Ripley and conducting a private bank. Mr. Greer has served as mayor of the town for two terms, and as member of the town council for several years. Fraternally he is attached to Ripley lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., to which he has belonged for nearly thirty years. He also belongs to lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F., and is one of the charter members of the Jackson County Agricultural and Mechanical association, of which he served as treasurer for thirteen years, and is president of the Jackson County Farmers' Stock and Mechanical Exposition association of Jackson county, organized in 1890, for the purpose of stock shows, sales and trial of speed, etc. He is a large stockholder in the Ripley & Mill Creek Valley railroad, and was the first president of that company. It was under his management that the road was built, and the iron, rolling stock and the first engine, purchased. April 9, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary V., daughter of George Bennett, of Wooster county, Md., by whom he has had five children: Henry G., William H., Wilmer C., Gordon B. and Annie V. He and his wife are prominent members of the Episcopal church, of which he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school from the time of its establishment. Mr. Greer takes an active interest in everything calculated to benefit his community, and has done much for the progress of Ripley.

F. P. Harris, principal of the schools of Jackson Court House, was born in Barbour county, W. Va., March 20, 1861. His parents were A. P. and Jane (Skidmore) Harris, natives of the county last mentioned. Our subject removed to Roane county with his parents when two years of age, was reared there and received his education in the public schools to which he added greatly by

his own efforts. He engaged in teaching and thus procured means to enable him to attend the state normal school at Fairmount, from which he graduated in 1885 with the highest honors of his class. Afterward he taught one year in Roane county, and in 1886 came to Jackson C. H., where he has since had charge of the schools of the town. In 1885 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma, daughter of Miles and Elizabeth (Bradley) Board, of Jackson county, by whom he has had two children: Selma Iven and Paul Bernard. He and wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church. Prof. Harris has met with success in his profession, and enjoys substantial rank as one of the ablest educators in his part of the state.

Dr. B. H. Hoyt was born in Meigs county, Ohio, November 11, 1828, his parents being Joseph and Maria (Townsend) Hoyt. His father was a native of New Hampshire, but moved with his father, Joseph Hoyt, to Meigs county by the overland route, when he was but eight years of age. After arriving in the buckeye state they engaged in farming and the grandfather of our subject became one of the prominent men of that section. He served as county commissioner and magistrate for many years and was one of the first men who made a boring for salt, but he did not engage in the manufacture to any great extent. He worked at his trade, of blacksmithing, in connection with his farming pursuits. The father of our subject grew to maturity in Meigs county, and selected farming as his life pursuit. He was a leader or local preacher in the Campbellite church, and politically was allied to the whig party. He died in Meigs county in 1862. His wife, who was a native of northern Ohio, survived him until 1889. The subject of this sketch was educated in the high schools of Meigs county, after which he engaged in teaching for a number of years. He studied medicine under Dr. Knapp, of Pomeroy, Ohio, and attended lectures at the Starling Medical college, at Columbus, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1855. He went from there directly to Jackson county, W. Va., and first located at what is now Cottageville, where he practiced for two years, and in 1857 located at Ravenswood. At the present time he enjoys the distinction of being the oldest practicing physician in Jackson county, and he also ranks as one of the ablest members of the profession. In 1862 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Forty-fifth Virginia regiment, Confederate army, and was afterward promoted to the senior surgeoncy of the Second brigade, under Gens. Echols, Breckinridge and Wharton. He served with his command until the close of the war, in the meantime participating in the battles of Dry Creek, Cloyd's Mt., Piedmont, Winchester, and the skirmishes that took place during the various valley campaigns. Dr Hoyt is a charter member of the Jackson County Building and Loan association,

of which he has served as director for two years. He is a member of the West Virginia Medical association, of which he has served as vice-president, and he is a member of the state board of health. Politically he affiliates with the democrats, has filled various offices in Ravenswood, and at one time was tendered the nomination as member of the state senate, but declined to make the race. He was one of the first members of Ashton lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M., of which he served as W. M. for thirteen consecutive years, and two terms later, and also belongs to the Ravenswood lodge, I. O. O. F. In 1857 Dr. Hoyt was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E., daughter of J. H. Moore, and sister of Col. Oscar Moore, of Moore's Mills, now Cottageville. The marriage resulted in the birth of the following named children: Laura B., wife of John Denoon, of Ravenswood; Clara Brown, Joey Moore, wife of Frank Cooper, of Ravenswood, and Harry B. The doctor and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and enjoy high social rank and popularity. He is a clever and forcible writer and as a public speaker and lecturer is deservedly popular and ranks among the first.

J. T. Husler, M. D., is a native of Allegheny county, Penn., where his birth took place October 3, 1859, the parents being Rineholt and Mary (Phillips) Husler, natives of Allegheny and Washington counties, Penn., respectively. For many years his father engaged in manufacturing machinery in Allegheny City, and he now resides on a farm near the above mentioned place. His wife died in 1889. Their son, who is the subject of this sketch, was educated in Pittsburg, studied medicine in the office of his brother, Dr. E. O. Hussler, of Mansfield, Penn., attended the College for Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, being graduated from the same in 1884, and from the Medico-Chirugical college of Philadelphia, in 1885-86. Our subject began the practice of medicine at Finleyville, Penn., and was appointed surgeon for the B. & O. R. R., at that place, remaining there two years. He then went to the state of Florida in the hopes of recuperating his failing health, and in 1887 came to Ravenswood where he now enjoys an extensive practice. He is a member of Ravenswood lodge and the K. of P., at Finleyville, Penn. His marriage took place in 1889, to Miss Gertrude, daughter of G. W. Fleming of Ravenswood. Mrs. Husler is a member of the Presbyterian church, and she and husband have a very large number of friends.

W. P. Kerwood was born near Ripley, Jackson county, January 5, 1856, his parents being Elias and Catherine (King) Kerwood. His grandfather, William Kerwood, was a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the early settlers on the Parchmont, and was a cabinet-maker by trade. The father of our subject has been principally engaged in farming. He and his wife are

now living on a farm near Ripley, and are prominent members of the United Brethren church. Our subject was reared on the homestead place, educated at the public schools, and for thirteen years followed the occupation of teaching, in which he gave general success. Being recognized as a competent educator, he was in 1882, elected to the responsible office of superintendent of the public schools of the county. In 1888 he was elected justice of the peace, being the only man chosen that year on the democratic ticket, and this office he still holds. His marriage took place in 1879 to Miss Martha, daughter of Samuel Lewis, by whom he has six children: Jessie O., Otto S., Webster Perry, Coonie J., John Kenna and Love Monroe. Another child named Edgar E., was killed by the cars on the railroad. Mr. Kerwood is a member of Ripley lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., and holds the position of trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school in the United Brethren church.

Amos J. Kidd, M. D., of Jackson Court House, was born near Marietta, in Washington county, Ohio, November 3, 1827. His parents were Amos and Keziah (Roberts) Kidd, the father being a native of Wayne county, Penn., and the mother of Loudoun county, Va. The father settled in Washington county, Ohio, with his father, on a pre-empted tract of land, and after reaching his majority purchased a tract of land which he afterward sold and moved to Liberty, where he lived until a few years previous to his death. He moved to Jackson county, W. Va., where he died in 1882, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife followed him to the grave in 1889, at the age of ninety-four. He was a deacon in the Baptist church for many years, and helped to build several churches. The family consisted of eight children, of whom the living are: George W., Hannah B., wife of E. M. Hill, of Iowa; Belinda, wife of Dr. J. M. Warren, of Washington county, Ohio; Druzilla, wife of Alfred Walters, and Amos W. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Washington county, Ohio. He studied medicine under Dr. John Hardy, of that county, and attended the Starling Medical college, of Columbus, Ohio, for some time. He began the practice of medicine in 1859, in Salem and Lebanon, Ohio, and on September 13, 1863, came to Ravenswood where he practiced for six years, and then moved to Roane county, where he remained until 1873, and then came to Jackson Court House, where he has since enjoyed an extensive practice. He is a member of the State Medical society and of the Odd Fellows fraternity. In 1888 he was elected justice of the peace on the republican ticket, which office he still holds. He is connected with his two sons in the hardware business at Jackson Court House, but lives on his farm near that place. He was first married in 1852, to Miss Mary B. Dornovan, of Morgan county, Ohio, who died in 1862, leaving

two sons: Dr. W. W., of Jackson Court House, and A. A., of Knox county, Mo. In 1863 he married Miss Sarah A. Hughes, of Washington county, Ohio, by whom he has two sons and one daughter: George B., W. M. and Sadie D. Mrs. Kidd is a communicant of the Baptist church. Dr. W. W. Kidd, son of our subject, was born near Marietta, January 26, 1853. He was educated in the public schools at Ravenswood. He studied medicine with his father and attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1878. He began business with his father and has succeeded to his practice. He is a member of the Jackson County Medical society, of which he has served as secretary. He is a member of the school board, of the United States board of pension examiners, and of the board of health of Jackson county. Fraternally he is attached to Ripley lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M. He is a republican in politics and served as chairman of the republican county committee. In 1879, Dr. Kidd was married to Miss Margaret E., daughter of Isaiah Vail, and the union has resulted in the birth of one daughter, Hallie. The doctor and his wife are members of the southern Methodist church and enjoy high social rank and extensive popularity.

Warren Miller, a prominent attorney at law at Jackson Court House, was born in Meigs county, Ohio, April 2, 1846, his parents being Lewis M. and Elizabeth (Shinn) Miller. The father was a native of Meigs county and the mother of Jackson county, W. Va. They moved to Jackson county in 1848, and settled near the mouth of Mill creek, where they resided until their deaths. The father served as justice of the peace for many years; was a member of the county court for several years, and belonged to the United Brethren church. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Sayre, by whom he had four children now living, viz.: Monroe, Rosalvo, Perry and Hampton. There were four children by his second marriage, viz.: Warren, Columbus, Leander and Sarah E. Our subject was educated at the Ohio university in Athens, but was prevented from graduating by sickness. After leaving college he had charge of the public schools of Jackson Court House for three years, in which position he gave entire satisfaction. He studied law and was admitted to the bar on January 1, 1871, since which time he has practiced his profession successfully in Jackson and adjoining counties. Mr. Miller is an active member of the republican party, and in 1880 and 1884, was successively elected prosecuting attorney of Jackson county. He has also served as mayor of the town, commissioner of the court, etc., in all of which positions he has exhibited good business qualities. Mr. Miller was a delegate to the National convention in 1884, and cast his vote for James G. Blaine as candidate for the presidency, and is now a member of

the legislature of West Virginia. Fraternally he is attached to Ripley lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., and religiously is a communicant of the Episcopal church. Mr. Miller is recognized as one of the influential and substantial citizens of the county seat and enjoys a widespread respect.

G. W. Park, a well-to-do farmer and dairy proprietor of Jackson county, was born on his present homestead March 3, 1856, his parents being Robert and Isabella (Kirk) Park. They were natives of Brooke county, and settled in Jackson county, in 1839, first locating at Jackson Court House, and thence moving to the farm where our subject resides. The father was a practical surveyor, and served his county in that capacity for fourteen years. He and family were members of the Southern Methodist church. He was connected with the Masonic and I. O. O. F. lodges, in Ravenswood. He was a democrat in politics; served as magistrate for several years, and died in 1871. His wife, who still survives him, resides with the subject of this sketch. The family consisted of eight children, of whom the following are living: R. E., M. M., G. W. and Henry F. Two died in infancy. William K., the oldest son, graduated from the military institute in 1861; was commissioned second lieutenant, and was ordered to report to Gen. John McCausland, at Buffalo, Putnam county, who was engaged in the construction of a fortification in the narrows near that point. He studied law, and while on a furlough in 1862 was admitted to the bar. He returned to the service and was transferred to the command of A. G. Jenkins. In 1863, after the battle of Gettysburg, he was assigned to the Seventeenth Virginia cavalry with the commission of second lieutenant; served through the entire war, and died at Salisbury, N. C., May 5, 1865. Our subject was reared on the farm where he now lives and educated in the state university at Morganstown. Since his retirement from college he has been engaged in farming. His marriage took place in 1885, to Miss Anna L., daughter of William Harwood, of Wood county, and a resident of Ravenswood. The result of this union has been one child, named Mildred Lee. Our subject is a member of Ashton lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; is a stockholder in the Jackson Building and Loan association; is a democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the southern Methodist Episcopal church. The family is very generally esteemed, and has numerous friends.

William A. Parsons, a prominent attorney of Jackson Court House, was born at the mouth of Frozen Camp Fork of Mill creek, on April 21, 1849. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Asbury) Parsons, the first mentioned being a native of Jackson county, where he was born in 1821. William Parsons, the grandfather of our subject, was born on the South Branch,

Md. He participated in the battle of Buchanan fort, came to Jackson county in 1797, and first settling on Warth's Bottom, where he was among the first arrivals, and afterward his was the first family to settle in Ripley. He was a captain in the war of 1812, leading a company from Point Pleasant up the Great Kanawha, and through to Norfolk, Va. He became a large land owner, and served for a while as deputy sheriff. His first wife was a Miss Fink, who died in 1807, and was the first person buried in the Ripley cemetery. His second wife was a Miss Walker, his living children are: William, George W., Hannah, now Mrs. Turner of New Orleans; LaFayette, of Wrightsville, Ark., who participated in the Mexican war and in the last rebellion. The father of our subject was reared in Jackson county, and has spent his life principally in farming. He is a member of the United Brethren church, and has held the office of constable. He now resides at Hemlock in Jackson county. His first wife was a native of Kanawha county, died in September, 1864. By this marriage there were seven children: William A., R. B., A. R., Mary, wife of C. H. Parish; George N., Perry H. and Elizabeth, wife of Keeney Roder. His second wife was Miss Emiline Milam, by whom he had several children. Our subject was reared and educated in Jackson county, and his first business was that of school teaching. Subsequently he pursued the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1873, and located at Jackson Court House, where he has since enjoyed an extensive practice, being considered one of the ablest attorneys in the county. Politically, he is an active member of the democratic party, and stumps the county in every campaign in its interest. In 1879, he was elected to the house of delegates, and in 1882, was a candidate for the office of county prosecuting attorney, but his party being in the minority he was defeated. In the fall of 1890, his county was instructed to cast its vote for him in the democratic congressional convention for congress, but he did not get the nomination. He has served as mayor and member of the town council of Ripley. He was first married in 1871, to Miss Susan T., daughter of T. J. Dawkins. She died in 1877, leaving two children: May and William Oscar. He again married in August, 1879, his second wife being Mrs. Anna Cooper, by whom he had one child, Lucille. Mrs. Parsons is a member of the Presbyterian church, and the family enjoy universal esteem.

James M. Poling, sheriff of Jackson county, and merchant at the Court House, was born in Barbour county, Va., October 14, 1851, his parents being Newton and Catherine (Martley) Poling. They removed to Jackson county in 1858, and settled at Pleasant View, where they engaged in farming. In 1862 the father joined the Federal army as a member of Company K, Eleventh volunteer infantry, with the commission of second lieutenant,

subsequently rising to the rank of captain. He served until the close of the war, after which he engaged in the mercantile business at Jackson Court House up to 1874, when he moved to Kansas, where he is now probate judge of Phillips county. His first wife died at Pleasant View, December 31, 1858, at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving four children, viz.: James M. and H. S., H. A. W. and Mary M. He married, the 25th day of April, 1861, his second wife, Miss Harriet, daughter of Elijah Staats, one of the pioneers of Jackson county, by whom he has three children: Minnie, wife of William Query, of Phillips county, Kan.; Oma, wife of Frank Petigue, of Nebraska, and Oella. His second wife died in Kansas, May 28, 1878. He married Vianna Glas, his present wife, April 12th, 1883. Our subject received his education in the public schools of Jackson county and the Ohio university at Athens, after which he entered the mercantile business as a clerk. In 1876 he established his present business at Jackson Court House, and since that time has been the leading merchant. He is one of the charter members and a director of the Ripley & Mill Creek Valley railroad. He belongs to the Ripley Masonic lodge. In 1888 he was elected sheriff of Jackson county, in which office he still serves. He was appointed postmaster by President Hayes, holding the place for six years, and served as a member of the common council for several years. In October, 1875, he wedded Miss Mary L., daughter of William Cromley, of Gallipolis, O. No children have resulted from this union. Mrs. Poling is a communicant of the Episcopal church, ane the family move in the best social circle.

N. C. Prickitt, attorney at law at Ravenswood, was born in Marion county, W. Va., April 30, 1853, son of J. T. and Susanna (Morgan) Prickitt, now residents of Wood county, this state. His paternal ancestors came from New Jersey and settled in Marion county, on the stream which now bears their name. His maternal ancestors were prominent in the early history of that county. David Morgan, the famous Indian slayer, was his great-grandfather. The father of our subject engaged in farming in Marion county, and served as assessor for several years. In 1865 he moved to Jackson county, later to Ravenswood and afterward went to Wood county, where he has since resided, and is now engaged in the mercantile business. He has served as justice of the peace in Wood county, and is now notary public. His family consists of six children who grew to maturity, viz.: E. M., S. H., C. F., I. T., N. C. and Isabella. Our subject moved to Jackson county, when twelve years of age, was educated in the Morgantown university, read law under L. D. Hymond of Fairmont, was admitted to the bar in 1877, and has since practiced in Jackson and adjoining counties, United States and State supreme court. He is a member and second time master of the

Masonic lodge (Ashton, No. 12), and the I. O. O. F. lodge at Ravenswood and Othello lodge, No. 51, K. of P. At present he holds the position of United States commissioner in the federal court and is also state fish commissioner. Politically, a democrat. He is stockholder and solicitor for the Jackson County Building and Loan Association, a member of the Southern Building and Loan association and solicitor for the same. He was married in 1878 to Miss Ruth E., daughter of Capt. John Johnson of Jackson county. They have no children. Mrs. Prickitt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the family stands among the best in the community.

N. W. Riley, clerk of the circuit court of Jackson county, is a native of that county, where he was born January 19, 1846, his parents being R. R. and Elizabeth (Cleek) Riley. The father was a native of Wood county, and the mother of Bath. The former came to Jackson county about 1831, and was married there to his wife who had previously come with her parents. He engaged in farming and for many years was county surveyor, probably surveying more of the lines of the county than any other man. His wife departed this life February 17, 1875, but he still survives at a green old age. They reared a family of nine children, of whom all are living but the oldest, James T. W., who died in 1871. The living children are: John H., Mary E., wife of George W. Rankin; N. W., M. F., Peter M., Hester A., wife of J. W. McCoy; R. R., Jr., and Emma P., wife of D. B. Dawkins. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Jackson county and the normal school at Huntington. He also spent one term at the state university at Morgantown. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Seventh West Virginia Federal cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, and participated in several battles. After the war he engaged in farming and also taught school a few years. In 1871 he commenced the study of law with his brother, and was admitted to practice in 1873, remaining with his brother until 1879. In 1878 he was elected clerk of the circuit court, and took charge of the office January 1, 1879. In 1889 he served as mayor of Jackson C. H., and was also recorder, treasurer and secretary of the town. In 1875 he was married to Miss Laura V., daughter of J. L. Armstrong, of Ravenswood. The result of the union was the birth of the following named children: Otmer A., Winifred W., Mary Inez and Frances E. Mrs. Riley is a member of the southern Methodist church, and her husband of the Presbyterian. At present Mr. Riley holds the position of adjutant general of the G. A. R. department of West Virginia, in which he has served since the encampment of April, 1890.

William M. Roberts, a well-known farmer and merchant of Muses Bottom, Jackson Co., W. Va., was born in Wood county,

W. Va., May 27, 1823. His parents, John and Sarah (Sargent) Roberts, were natives of North Wales and Wood county, W. Va., respectively. They made their living by farming, and moved first to Washington county, Ohio, and from there to Great Bend, Meigs Co., Ohio. They had a beautiful home where they lived and died, the father in 1878, and the mother October 17, 1884. The father was born March 10, 1787, and the mother in the year 1804. John Roberts, before coming to America, served eight years on a British man of war. His family consisted of twelve children, two dying when small, and all the rest living to have families of their own. There were six sons and four daughters, as follows: William M., Thomas A., who died August 19, 1890, he lived in Ravenswood; John, who lives in Illinois; Robert T., also lives in Illinois; Franklin S., who lived in Illinois and died about twenty years ago; Henry E., Elizabeth, wife of Abram McKay, was married in 1851 and died in 1859; Roena H., wife of Samuel Silliman, their home is in Wheeling, W. Va.; Adalaid, wife of J. H. Smith, now living in California, and Sarah E., wife of Henry Burton, who lives in Gallia county, Ohio. The father was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and the mother and the rest of the family were members of the Methodist church. William M. Roberts was about twelve years old when his parents moved to Great Bend, Meigs Co., Ohio, and there received an ordinary education, following farming and running produce boats to New Orleans till he was nearly twenty-seven years of age. In 1850, May 1st, he married Miss Nancy, daughter of Thomas Coleman, of Muses Bottom, Jackson Co., W. Va. He sold his farm in Ohio and bought in Muses Bottom the farm he now lives on, it being a beautiful home of 348 acres of land, and to this union of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, three children were born and the third one is the only one living, a daughter, Mary Virginia, born June 5, 1856, and was married September 25, 1873, to W. D. Williamson, of Great Bend, Meigs Co., Ohio. They have a beautiful farm where they lived till December, 1888, but on account of school and other reasons, they rented their valuable farm and now reside in Ravenswood, Jackson Co., W. Va. They have three bright children, two sons and one daughter, as follows: William F. Williamson, fifteen years of age; Evalena, twelve; James D., six years old, a dear and precious family to the grandparents. In 1870 Mr. Roberts established his present mercantile business and has served as postmaster ever since. He is a member of Ashland lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Ravenswood, and is a director and stockholder in the Ravenswood bank, which position he has held since its organization. He also holds the situation of railroad station and express office agent at Muses Bottom, the station being situated on his farm. Mrs. Roberts was born in Meigs county, Ohio, in 1829, and her father moved

to Muses Bottom, Jackson Co., W. Va., in 1830, where he bought a small farm. He added farm after farm till he had over 3,000 acres. Of his family of ten children, six daughters and four sons, one son, Samuel H., died in 1848, only seven years old, and David S. Coleman, born in 1827, and married in the year 1849, moving to Missouri, where he died July, 1854; Rev. H. R. Coleman lives in Louisville, Ky.; T. B. Coleman lives on Muses Bottom; Eliza J., wife of P. D. Williams, lives on Muses Bottom; Virginia C., wife of R. S. Morgan, lives at Cincinnati, and Maria M., wife of James B. Morgan, lives on Muses Bottom, and the oldest daughter, Mrs. Roberts, has lived in sight of her father all her life until death removed him on February 24, 1890. He was in his eighty-ninth year, and was one of the first settlers of Muses Bottom, Jackson Co., W. Va. Thomas Coleman and one sister were left orphans when quite small, he being born the year 1801, and was married about 1823 to Miss Sarah Roush, of Letart, Meigs Co., Ohio. She was born 1805 and died in 1882. The family belongs to the Methodist church. Her mother, Mrs. Anna Roush, of Letart, Meigs Co., Ohio, is still living and is in her one hundred and fourth year. She has raised twelve children, and the youngest son, David Roush, is in his fifty-fourth year; he lives at Grand Island, Neb.

W. E. Simons, M. D., was born in Allegheny county, N. Y., January 17, 1850, son of Albert A. and Marilla (Townsend) Simons. He was reared to manhood in that county and received his education in Angelica academy. He studied medicine with his father and was graduated from the American Medical college of Philadelphia in 1866. He first began practice in Chautauqua county, N. Y., but came to Jackson Court House in 1877, where he has since enjoyed an extensive practice. In 1875 Dr. Simons was happily married to Miss Jennie Nesmith of Chautauqua county, N. Y., by whom he has one child, Edmonia. His father practiced medicine in Allegheny, N. Y., for many years, and during the Rebellion served as first regimental surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth New York volunteer infantry. His family consisted of two sons, one being the subject of this sketch and the other Elbridge Simons, who is a practicing physician of Ripley, in the county of Chautauqua, N. Y. The family is of sturdy mould and the members enjoy general esteem wherever known.

George J. Walker, a prominent attorney at law of Jackson Court House, was born in England April 4, 1830, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Vaux) Walker. His father took part in the battle of Waterloo, and was a soldier in the regular army for twelve or fifteen years. He and family came to America in 1844, first locating at Pittsburg, where he worked as a tailor, while his boys found employment in the rolling mill. The mother died in Pittsburg and the father in Tennessee, at the home of one of his

children. Three of their six children are living: James Walker, a deceased son, was a prominent Wesleyan minister, and was pastor of the conference at Cleveland; his death occurred in 1859. The other children are as follows: Edwin G., of Alabama, who is prominent in politics, member of the state legislature and a possible candidate for governor; George J., the subject of this sketch, and Catherine, wife of Enoch Normecutt, of Pittsburg, Penn. Our subject went to work in a rolling mill at the age of ten and learned the entire process. After coming to this country he worked in the mills of Pittsburg, and in 1875 went to Pomeroy, where he took charge of the Bar Rolling mill until the breaking out of the war. He enlisted in the Eighteenth Ohio volunteer infantry April 14, 1861, from which he was discharged in August of that year. He enlisted in the Ninth regiment Virginia volunteers raised by Col. Skinner, and afterward commanded by Col. I. H. Duval. He was appointed orderly sergeant and afterward sergeant-major. Subsequently he was promoted to the first lieutenancy and assigned to duty with Company F. Later he was assigned to duty as acting adjutant, and tendered a captain's commission. He was with the regiment in all of its marches and engagements, taking part in the battles of Cloyd's Mountain, Lexington, New River Bridge, Lynchburg, Carter's Farm, Winchester, Martinsburg, Halltown, Berryville, Opequan, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. The regiment served under Generals Duval, Crook and Sheridan, and our subject won the distinction of being a brave and noble soldier. Enlisting as a private he was mustered out as a captain. He was one of the first organizers of the G. A. R. in West Virginia, and has served in every position in that body from private to commander of the department of the state, which last honorable distinction he has held since April, 1890. Failing health after the war incapacitated him from resuming his former active business in the rolling mills, and he engaged in the saw-mill business, locating at Jackson Court House in the fall of 1865. Shortly afterward he took up the study of law in the office of H. W. Flesher, and was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1867. He has since practiced his profession in Jackson and adjoining counties, and in the United States and supreme courts of the state. In 1872 he was elected to the senate on the union ticket, and in 1889 was clerk of the state senate. He has served as commissioner of the circuit court for several years, and is now commissioner of the county court. He is master of Ripley lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., and takes much interest in affairs connected with the order. Mr. Walker was first married in 1852 to Miss Mary Johnston, of England. She survived but a short time, and in 1856, he espoused Miss Martha J. Gaskill, of Ohio. Her parents were natives of Virginia, and her father served in the war of 1812. The

family consists of seven children: Katie, wife of Matthew Wright; Bessie, wife of J. C. Hood; George J., Jr., attorney at law in Mercer county; William, a railroader, Maggie, Susan and Lottie. Mr. Walker has always been forward in supporting schools, churches and all other educational and reformatory movements.

Robert Warth, one of the old citizens of Ravenswood, was born at Racine, Ohio, October 30, 1800, his parents being George and Ruth (Steahart) Warth. The father was a native of Newton, Va., and his wife was born on the south branch of the Potomac river. They were among the earliest settlers of the Ohio river. The father acted as a spy for the government for several years during the Indian war. He moved to Letart in 1814, and afterward to Jackson county, where he lived until his death, at which time he owned several hundred acres of land. He raised a family of nine children, of whom the following are living: Robert; Rebecca, now Mrs. Lovett, of Louisville, Ky.; and Druzilla, a maiden lady of Louisville. The subject of this sketch lived in Ohio up to thirty-six years of age, when he moved to the river bottom in Jackson county, where he has since lived, following farming and coopering. In 1829 he was married to Miss Mary L. Johnston, who died in 1880. They have nine children living: Fidelia, now Mrs. William Slaven; Jerome, Roxy Ann, wife of Sanford Thorne; Louise, George, Harriet, wife of Bonaparte Wilcox; John, Morgan and Frank. Our subject, politically, is connected with the democratic party, and his religious affiliations are with the Methodist church.

J. M. Weas was born in Jackson county, October 13, 1845, his parents being Ziba and Phebe O. (Leech) (Taylor) Weas. They settled in Jackson county about 1840, first locating at Ripley but subsequently on Mill creek bottom. The father was first married to Miss Hornbeck of Randolph county, by whom he had one child, Virginia, wife of Alex. Kelly of Braxton county. His second wife departed this life in 1865 and he died in 1885. Five children were born to his second marriage as follows: J. M., Jane R., wife of E. Blake of Kansas; Martha A., wife of D. W. Chapman; R. O., widow of G. E. Duer, now living in Sandy, and Mary I., wife of T. A. Wilcox. The mother of our subject had one son by her first marriage, H. K. W. Taylor of Kansas. The father's third wife was Mrs. Devore who now lives with her stepson, the subject of this sketch. The latter was reared in Jackson county, and after he had finished his early schooling, engaged in farming which has always been his principal business. He served as constable for two terms and has been a member of the board of education for the same length of time. He was appointed postmaster at Sandy by President Harrison and was elected justice of the peace in 1888. His marriage took place in 1886 to C. N., daughter of T. J. Dawkins, but they have no

children. He is a stockholder in the R. S. G. railroad, and also in the District Fair association. His wife is a member of the Baptist church and the family enjoy the good will of an extensive circle of friends.

R. T. Wetzel, of the firm of Williams & Wetzel, was born in Jackson C. H., September 14, 1843, being a son of John H. and Harriet (Lowther) Wetzel. The father was a native of Mason county and the mother of Harrison county. They died in Mason county. The father came to Jackson C. H. when a young man where he married and followed the trade of tailoring. He served as deputy sheriff and jailor for many years. His politics were whig and he was a strong Union man. His death occurred in 1844. His second wife now resides in Ravenswood. He reared three children, but our subject and Elizabeth, widow of Benjamin Chase, are the only ones living. There were three children by his second marriage, viz.: Sarah, Perry, and John. The subject of our sketch was reared to manhood in the county and received there the ordinary school education. He started life as clerk of the court in 1858 and in 1868 formed a co-partnership with Mr. Benjamin D. Williams, the firm doing a good business. He is a member of Ashton lodge, A. F. & A. M., and No. 15, I. O. O. F. In 1866 he was united in matrimony with Miss S. E., daughter of Joseph Bolen, a native of Virginia. The result of the union was the birth of one child: O. E. Our subject is a member of the Presbyterian church and is recognized as one of the leading business men of the community.

Benjamin D. Williams, senior member of the firm of Williams & Wetzel, merchants, and president of the Ravenswood bank, was born in North Wales, April 1, 1828. His parents, Richard and Jane (Davis) Williams, came to America in 1832, locating in Madison county, N. Y., where the father found employment in the woolen factories, remaining there about five years. They moved thence to Pittsburg and in 1842 settled on a farm in Indiana county, Penn., where both died. Our subject got a limited education in Pennsylvania which he since greatly increased by his own efforts. In 1852 he came to Jackson county, Va., and engaged in school teaching at the Court House. July 4, 1855, he married Miss Margaret, daughter of Jacob Staats of Jackson Court House. In the same year he formed a partnership with G. W. Smith and engaged in the general mercantile business at Spencer in Roane county. Mr. Smith died in 1859 and Mr. Williams conducted the business alone up to 1862, when he took for a partner, C. C. Smith, son of his former partner. This partnership still exists. Mr. Smith has charge of the business at Spencer. In September, 1862, Mr. Williams established his present business in Ravenswood, and in 1867 took in Mr. R. T. Wetzel as a partner. They enjoy a large share of the trade of

the town and were also extensive handlers of staves and railroad ties, doing a business of $75,000 a year in that line. Mr. Williams was the principal organizer of the Ravenswood bank of which he has ever since acted as president. He has served as deputy assessor of internal revenue, mayor of Ravenswood, member of the city council, etc., his politics being republican. His wife died June 2, 1889, having had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Williams is ruling elder of the Presbyterian church and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-two years, which position he still holds. He takes active interest in church work and spends much of his time and money in that cause, being one of the principal contributors to the erection of the chapel in Bridgeport for the benefit of the people living in the outskirts of the city. He is an extensive owner of real estate in Jackson and Roane counties, and one of the most progressive men in this section of the state. He was quite active in procuring the establishment of the free school system and in forming the independent school district. Altogether he is a very useful as well as a very worthy man.

GALLIA COUNTY.

C. M. Adams was born in Cincinnati, February 18, 1851, and is a son of Francis and Theresa (Runlinger) Adams. Both parents were natives of Germany and they had five children, of whom four are still living. The father died in April, 1852, and the widow was left with scanty means to support the family. She again married, her second husband being Rev. Henry Kumler, now deceased. Mr. Adams, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Cincinnati where he got a limited education in the common schools. Since the age of twelve years, he has relied entirely upon his own exertions for support. Until December, 1874, he worked in a furniture shop and store at Cincinnati and afterward came to Gallipolis, where he has since continued in the furniture business. For the last eight years he has been sole proprietor of the only retail furniture store in Gallipolis. He is a good business man and has always succeeded in controlling his share of the trade. In October, 1884, Mr. Adams was united in wedlock to Miss Anna, daughter of James Vanden of Gallipolis. Fraternally, Mr. Adams is connected with the Masonic order and is a K. T.

Emery Bailey was born September 13, 1804, in Cape May, N. J. His father, Gideon Bailey, was a native of Connecticut who went to New Jersey during the latter part of the last century, from which state, in 1811, he moved his family to Marietta, Ohio. From there he afterward removed to Warren county, Ind., where his death occurred. After that event his wife went

to Gallia county, Ohio, where she lived with her son Emery for a number of years, and subsequently died at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Cross. The children of Gideon Bailey and wife were: Sarah, Tabitha, Wealthy, Emery and Elizabeth. The father, during his lifetime, had the reputation of being the best blacksmith in Pittsburg. His son, Emery, when about seven years of age went to Washington county, Ohio, where he resided until 1832, and then removed to Gallia county, which has since been his place of residence. In 1827 he was married in Washington county, to Sophronia, daughter of Samuel Maxon. To this union were born the following children: Charles, Elizabeth, William, Henry, Henrietta, Dudley, Francis and Mary. Mr. Bailey is a blacksmith by trade which he has followed all his life in connection with farming. When he first arrived in Gallia county he purchased a few acres of land, to which he succeeded in adding considerably and also owns property in Gallipolis. His wife died March 27, 1882, but Mr. Bailey still enjoys life at the advanced age of eighty-six.

C. D. Bailey, one of the most prominent business men of Gallia county, is a son of Emery and Sophronia (Maxon) Bailey, of whom mention is elsewhere made in this volume. He was born January 4, 1828, and became a resident of Gallia county, in 1832, when the country where he now resides was an almost unbroken wilderness. When fourteen years old he began clerking, and after he quit school, was engaged in boating for about ten years. May 12, 1852, he married Miss Margaret, daughter of Pennel Cherrington. The latter was a very prominent man in Gallia county, being recognized as one of the leaders of the Methodist Episcopal church for a number of years. He was for a long time representative of the county in the state legislature. The marriage of Mr. Bailey and wife resulted in the following named children: William and Thomas (twins), James, Jennie, May and Maggie (twins), Jessie, Charles P., John J. and Vi. Mr. Bailey has served in a number of official positions, among which may be mentioned the following: Clerk of Gallipolis township, and member of the city council; member of the state board of agriculture for eight years, and president of the board of agriculture for about thirty years; president of the board of education for six years. Since 1850, Mr. Bailey's occupation has been almost exclusively that of stock breeding. He introduced the famous Short-horn cattle in Gallia county and occupied high rank as breeder of the same. He and Mr. Halliday, of Lancaster, own a number of fine horses, and have the only imported stallion in Gallia county. Mr. Bailey's success in life has been due entirely to his own energy and good judgment, as he started without capital. He is an extensive land owner and lives in first-class style. At present he is vice-president of

the Ohio Valley bank, and ranks among the best as a business man and citizen.

David W. Berry is a native of Gallia county, where he has lived ever since his birth, which occurred January 2, 1828. His father was Elijah Berry, born March 19, 1797, in Greenbrier county, and who became a resident of Gallia county in 1812. He was a son of Malachi Berry, and his wife, Mary, who came to Gallia county in the early part of this century, but only remained a short time, after which they returned to their native county of Greenbrier. Their children were Malachi, John, Elijah, Aaron, Mary and Betsy. Elijah Berry was married, in 1824, to Charlotte, daughter of Sanford York. This marriage was productive of the following offspring: John, Elijah, David W., Barbara E., Martha P., Eliza A. and Alonzo. The parents were members of the Christian church. The father was a farmer by occupation, and at the time of his death, October 27, 1869, he owned 200 acres of land in Madison township. His wife departed this life in 1883. Their son, David W. Berry, remained with his parents until he was twenty-seven years old. January 3, 1856, he married Martha McKown, of Gallia county, and the union resulted in these children: Charles W., Sarah E., Emma R., Everte, David S., Mary E. and John H. The father enlisted in the United States army in May, 1863, as a private, but was afterward promoted to second and then to first lieutenant. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a farmer by occupation, and enjoys general esteem as an industrious man.

H. R. Bradbury was born and reared in Gallia county, which has always been his home. His birth took place September 25, 1847, his parents being Asa and Electa (Harding) Bradbury. The father, Asa Bradbury, was born in Maine in 1805, and in 1816 came to Gallia county, with his father, Joseph Bradbury. The latter, who was one of the earliest settlers of Gallia county, was born in Maine, of English lineage, and was a farmer by occupation. After his arrival in Gallia county, Asa Bradbury married Electa B. Harding, who was a native of New York, but came to Gallia county with her father, Perry Harding, when quite young. They became the parents of the following named children: Samantha, Joseph P., Augusta, William, Fanny and Horace R. The mother's death took place some time since, but the father is still an honored citizen of Gallia county. H. R. Bradbury received his education in the Gallia county schools, and at the Ohio university, in Athens. After leaving college, he taught school for a few years, after which he began merchandising. In 1880 he was elected clerk of the common pleas and circuit courts, and became a citizen of Gallipolis. He held this office for two terms of three years each. In April, 1889, Mr.

Bradbury was honored by election as mayor of Gallipolis, and in 1890 he became cashier of the First National Bank. In 1873 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Ellison, of Adams county, Ohio, and the union resulted in the birth of two children. Mr. Bradbury is prominently connected with the following named orders: Morning Dawn lodge, No. 7, F. &. A. M., Gallipolis chapter, No. 79, R. A. M., Moriah council, No. 32, R. & S. M., Rose commandery, No. 43, K. T., Ohio consistory, A. A. S. R., G. A. R. and Elks. At the last conclave of the Ohio grand commandry he was elected grand warder. Mr. Bradbury is one of the most influential and popular of the citizens of Gallipolis and enjoys very general esteem.

W. H. Bryan was born in Gallia county, in 1834, his father being Byrd Bryan, a native of Virginia, who removed to that section many years ago and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1856. He was married at Marietta, Ohio, to Diana, a daughter of Nathan Cole, and they became the parents of the following children: Ann E., John, Mary E., William H. and James W. His son, William H. Bryan, remained with his father until he was twenty-two years of age, when he commenced life for himself. In 1860 he took for his wife, Julia M., daughter of John Leonard, a native of Pennsylvania. The marriage resulted in the birth of the following named children: Nathaniel L., John B., Cora B. and Charles L. Just before and during the war Mr. Bryan was engaged in merchandising in Addison township. He was also engaged for a few years in the business of photography. His principal occupation, however, has been that of a farmer. He served as trustee of Addison township for two terms, and held the same office in Perry township for three terms. He was also postmaster in Addison for about two years, and held the same position in Perry township. Mr. Bryan is recognized as a clever man and good citizen.

Robert B. Carter is the son of Charles E. and Susan (McMasters) Carter. The father of Charles E. was Brazillai Carter who was born in Connecticut where he lived and died. He was one of four boys born to Joseph Carter, the others being Joseph, Solomon and Erastus. When seventeen years of age, Charles E. Carter came to Ravenna in Portage county, Ohio, in search of his uncle. About the year 1812 he married Susan McMasters and their children were Charles E., Amos, Joseph, Lysander and Robert B. The father served in the war of 1812, and was one of the soldiers surrendered to the enemy by Gen. Hull. He reenlisted under a fictitious name and served his country until the close of the war. He received a land warrant under the act of 1855, which fell to his son Robert B. before he was of age. His death took place at Ravenna in 1832 and his wife followed him to the grave December 11, 1842. Their son, Robert B., was

born June 4, 1832, in Ravenna, and at the age of eighteen came to Gallia county, where he ever afterward resided. After the death of Mr. Carter's father, his mother went to Columbiana county, where she was again married to James Ray, by whom she became the mother of two children, Susan and Andrew. Susan lives in Nebraska and Andrew practices law in Arkansas. Robert B. resided from infancy until the age of eighteen with Thomas Black. September 4, 1856, his marriage took place to Jane M., daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Bowman) Ewing. The genealogy of the Ewing family is as follows: Abraham's parents were William and Mary (McNeal) Ewing and the parents of William were James and Polly (McNeal) Ewing, natives of Ireland. They were among the first settlers of Virginia. William Ewing was born in 1754 in Rockbridge county, Va., and became a resident of Gallia county, Ohio, in 1810. He was the first settler of Ewington, which place was named after him. He purchased section 11 in Huntington township, and lived there until his death in 1822. In Bath county, Va., he married Mary McNeal and their children were Thomas, Jonathan, William, Jane, John, Enoch, Jacob, Abraham, Betty, Sarah, George and Andrew. The mother of the above mentioned children, after the husband's death went to live with her son Andrew and died June 30, 1858, aged ninety-one. Abraham Ewing was born October 13, 1804, and came from Rockbridge county, to Gallia when six years old. He was married October 30, 1828, to Elizabeth A. Bowman and their children were George B., Mary C., Vernetta A., Jane M. and Joseph A. He now resides with his youngest daughter, Jane Carter, at the age of eighty-six. To Robert Carter and wife, have been born the following children: Ellen, Fanny and George E. His military services are summarized as follows: July 24, 1861, he was commissioned as captain of Company K, Second regiment of the reserve militia. August 11, 1861, he enlisted in company B, Thirty-sixty Ohio volunteer infantry, and in September of the same year was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, which position he resigned in July, 1862. In September, 1863, he was commissioned colonel of the second regiment Ohio militia and held that position until the close of the war. Afterward he was appointed first lieutenant in the One Hundred and Ninety-fourth regiment for the one year's service and was discharged on the 24th of October, 1865. The principal engagement in which he served was the battle of Antietam. The civil positions held by Mr. Carter are as follows: He was postmaster of Vinton from 1856 to 1860. He has been clerk, assessor and census enumerator of his township; was appointed government clerk in the Yankton reservation of Dakota and held that position six months. Mr. Carter is a carpenter by trade and this business he has followed most of

his life. He is a Mason of prominence and a member of Vinton lodge, No. 131, F. & A. M. He has been colonel of Gallia county battalion, G. A. R. and now holds the position of lieutenant colonel in the same and is a member of Corwin post, No. 259. At the present time he is pension attorney at Vinton and does a large business.

I. F. Chapman was born in the county of Gallia in 1847. His father was Isaac Chapman, born in Giles county, Va., in 1812, son of Archibald Chapman, descended from an old English family who were among the early settlers of the state. Archibald Chapman and family came to Ohio in 1814, and settled in the lower part of what is now Gallia county. His son Isaac was but a child at the time of the family's removal to the county where he grew up to manhood. In early life he taught school a good deal and afterward varied his occupation considerably, but was principally engaged in farming. He wedded Miss Sarah C., daughter of Martin Dawson, a native of Virginia, who settled in Gallia county about the year 1828, when Mrs. Chapman was about ten years old. The marriage took place in 1834, and resulted in the birth of nine children. The father died in 1878 and the mother in 1886. Two of the sons and two of the daughters still live in Gallia county. One daughter and two sons reside in West Virginia. Isaac F. Chapman was reared and educated in his native county. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war. After the war Mr. Chapman was engaged in teaching and farming until 1881. In the fall of 1880 he was elected recorder of Gallia county, holding the office from January, 1881, to January, 1887, having been re-elected in 1883. In the fall of 1887 he was elected treasurer of the county, of which he is still the incumbent, being re-elected in 1889. The fact that he has been elected four times to two of the principal county offices, is conclusive evidence of his high standing and general popularity. In December, 1869, he was happily married to Miss Mary E. Lewis, of Gallia county. Unto this union were born five children, a son and four daughters. Mr. Chapman, as also his wife and family, belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a Knight Templar Mason.

William M. Cherrington was a son of John and Ruth (Knox) Cherrington, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. William M. was born November 9, 1816, in Raccoon township, Gallia county, Ohio. May 8, 1840, he was happily married to Miss Janette, daughter of George and Helen (Johnston) Martin. The last mentioned parents came from Scotland, and in 1878 settled in Gallia county, where they resided until death, that of Mr. Martin taking place November 9, 1879, and of his wife in 1828.

Their children were Margaret, Janette, Isabella, Nancy and James. George Martin was a second time married to Sarah De Lille, and one child named George, resulted from the union. The third marriage was to Elizabeth Askins, and a daughter named Margaret was the only issue. Mr. Martin was a farmer but most of his life was spent as captain of a steamboat. The marriage of William M. Cherrington and wife resulted in the birth of the following named children: Helen, George, Eliza, Cynthia, Janette, Elizabeth and William T. Mr. Cherrington was a farmer by occupation and he and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Cherrington, who is a most excellent woman in all respects, is still living, at the age of sixty-nine on the old homestead at Evergreen, Ohio.

J. S. Cherrington is a son of John and Jane (Kirkpatrick) Cherrington. The parents of John were William and Margaret (Hank) Cherrington. William was a son of Clement Cherrington, who was born in England in 1702, and moved to Pennsylvania where he died. He married in England, and became the father of several children. William Cherrington was born in Pennsylvania in 1755, and became a resident of Rockbridge county, Va., about 1780. Finally he settled in Gallia county, Ohio, where he lived until his death. He married in Monroe county, Va., Margaret, daughter of William Hank, and a sister of Abraham Lincoln's mother. William Cherrington's children were: Thomas, John, Clement, Josiah, William and Rachael. By a second marriage with the widow McClung, he had the following children: James, Bruce, Pennell, Jefferson, Josephus and Betsy. John Cherrington was born in 1781, in Rockingham county, Va., and when a young man came to Gallia county, where he lived until his death, in 1869. In 1811 he married Ruth Knox, and they had the following children: William, Cynthia, Belinda, John Q. A., Melissa, Wesley F., Caroline and Harriet. In 1833 he was married a second time, to Jane H. Kirkpatrick, by whom he had the following children: J. Summerfield, Louisa, John H., Whitfield, and Newland M. John Cherrington served as commissioner of Gallia county, also as surveyor for a number of years. His son, J. Summerfield Cherrington, was born in 1835, and was married in 1861, to Jennie, daughter of Edward and Letitia (Laughlin) Owen. This union resulted in the birth of the following named children: Rosa B., Effie E., Edward O., Homer Le Grand, John S., Jr., Murat H., Lillie and Lulu, twins. Mr. Cherrington has been assessor of Springfield township for three years, and served for six years as trustee of the same township. He was also elected surveyor but resigned. In 1864 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and was discharged in 1865, after taking part in the battle of Nashville and several smaller en-

gagements. For three years he has been commander of Harry Sisson post, G. A. R. Mr. Cherrington owns a farm, but he is notary public and United States pension attorney, and does a large business in that line.

John Dages is a citizen well-known in Gallipolis and the country up and down the Ohio river. He was born in the kingdom of Prussia, June 10, 1825, and is a son of Jacob and Barbara (Schur) Dages. The parents were married in Prussia and had thirteen children, all but one being natives of the old country. In 1834 the parents, with eleven sons, emigrated to America, the principal reason for making the move being to save the large family of boys from enforced service in the German army. They settled in Stark county, Ohio, on a farm, where the mother died in 1868, aged seventy-five, and the father in 1876, at the age of eighty-three. They were a sturdy and honest couple, devout members of the Catholic church, and their lives were full of usefulness. Of the eleven sons brought to this country, nine grew to manhood and seven are still living. John, the sixth of these sons, was but nine years of age when he landed on the shores of America. He attended school after reaching Ohio, and obtained a limited education. Until seventeen years of age he worked on the farm, and later went to Canton, where he learned the shoemaker's trade. Subsequently he went to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he worked at his own trade and as a tanner. In 1847 he settled at Gallipolis, which has since continued to be his home. At first he worked for his brother in a tannery, but in 1849 opened a shoe shop. He began on a small scale, but gradually increased until he was working a number of hands and turning out a large quantity of hand-made boots and shoes. His sons becoming interested in the business the firm was known as John Dages & Co. In 1889 they removed their place of business to Columbus, Ohio. In 1853 Mr. Dages married Dorothy Humel, who died shortly after giving birth to a daughter named Emma. In 1856 Mr. Dages was united in marriage with Miss Caroline M. Andrews, who became the mother of five children, of whom the following four are living: John W., Charles T., Millie C. and Nell F. The mother died in 1888.

James Darst is a native of Gallia county, where he was born in 1824. His parents were Joseph and Eleanor (Slater) Darst, the former of whom was born in 1797, in the Shenandoah Valley, and when two years of age came to Gallia county, with his father, Abraham Darst. The children of Abraham were: John, Abraham, Benjamin, Daniel and Joseph. The father died about 1820, in Gallia county. Joseph Darst and wife had the following named children: Abraham, William (deceased), Mary, James, Charles, Sarah, Rebecca (deceased), Andrew J. (deceased), Rollin, John and Catherine (deceased). The father served in the

war of 1812, and he and wife belong to the Free Will Baptist church. His son, James Darst, in 1846, married Rachel Halfhill, and she became the mother of the following children: Peter M., Cynthia, Rachel E., James M. (deceased) and Augusta E. His first wife dying, Mr. Darst was a second time married, January 8, 1874, to Mrs. Margaret Switzer, but no children were born to this union. By a former marriage Mrs. Switzer had six children. She and husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Darst has always been a farmer by occupation, but is at present retired from labor. He is fond of showing his friends some old relics which are in his possession. Among the number are a cupboard, anvil and vise owned by his grandfather when he was a young man. Mr. Darst also has a curious old chair owned by his grandmother many years ago.

Joseph DeLille is a son of Antoine and Sarah (Snyder) DeLille. Antoine DeLille was born in France, from which country he emigrated to Canada, and afterward went to Wheeling, W. Va., where he remained until his death which occurred in 1829. In 1818 he married Sarah Snyder at Wheeling, and she bore him the following children: Elizabeth, Andrew, Joseph and John. The mother died in the year 1846. Antoine served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a silversmith by trade, but he worked for a few years in the glass manufactory at Wheeling. His son, Joseph DeLille, was born February 20, 1826, in Wellsburg, W. Va., but became a resident of Gallia county in 1840, and has resided there ever since. March 8, 1845, he married Isabella, daughter of George and Helen (Johnston) Martin, of whom sketches appear elsewhere. To this union were born: Andrew, Sarah L., James L., Helen, George W., Elizabeth M., James J. and May B. In 1862 Mr. DeLille enlisted in Company L, Seventh Ohio volunteer cavalry, and served until July, 1865. He took part with his regiment in the following named battles: Mt. Sterling, Jonesborough, East Tennessee raid, Morgan raid, Rogersville, Cynthiana, Atlanta and Nashville. For five years Mr. DeLille has been trustee of Springfield township. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs to the G. A. R. post.

Obediah Denney is the son of William and Sallie (Wall) Denney, natives of North Carolina. William was a son of John and Sallie Denney and the other child was Samuel. John served in the Revolutionary war, and was killed at the battle of King's Mountain. William Denney was born in 1777, in North Carolina, and came to Gallia county, about 1806, where his death occurred on the farm now owned by his son, Obediah, in 1843. William's children were John, Samuel, Sarah, Greene, Mary, Obediah and Nancy. William served in the war of 1812, and received two land warrants in payment. The wife of William Denney died in 1862. She was a daughter of William and Sallie

Wall, the former of whom lived to be one hundred and fifteen years of age, and his wife passed away at the age of one hundred and ten. William Wall was a Baptist minister for eighty years, but meantime was a farmer also. Obediah Denney was born in 1821 in Gallia county, where he has ever since resided. In 1847, when twenty-three years old, he married Martha A., daughter of James and Letty Randolph, natives of New Jersey. Mrs. Denney was born in 1827, and came to Gallia county when eight years of age. Obediah Denney and wife became the parents of the following children: Manuel M., Samuel S., Obediah W., Reuben R. and Eva O. The father devoted his time during the war to caring for his neighbors at home who needed assistance. He was entrusted with their business and always performed his duties faithfully. Mr. Denney and family are members of the Missionary Baptist church. Two of his sons, S. S. and R. R., are both ordained ministers of the Baptist church, which they have been serving ever since they reached their majority. Obediah Denney is a brick mason, by trade, but in early life taught school for eleven years in his neighborhood. He is a kind-hearted and good man whom to know is to like.

Charles W. Ely, M. D., was born in Mason City, W. Va., in 1868. His father was Alfred L. Ely, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1831, and came to Gallia county in 1878. He is a son of Seth and Patience (Ward) Ely, natives of Massachusetts, who settled in Pennsylvania. Seth Ely and wife were the parents of the following named children: Handel, Edward, Washington, Alfred, Louis and Eliza. Seth Ely was an author of music and was quite successful in his profession. His death took place in 1856, while he was on a visit to his son, Handel, in Kansas. His wife died in 1838. His son Alfred L., was married in 1855, to Margaret, daughter of Alexander Knapp. They had the following named children: Clark, Alfred, Charles, Edward, Ida, Julia, Frank and Willie. In 1861, the father enlisted in Company E, Ninth West Virginia regiment, from which he was discharged in 1864. He was with his regiment in the following named battles: Shiloh, Cedar Creek, Antietam, Cloyd Mountain, first and second Bull Run, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Lynchburg. Mr. Ely was twice wounded during the war, and was always regarded as a good and loyal soldier. He is a farmer by occupation and owns a homestead in Cheshire township. Dr. Charles Ely, the subject of this sketch, came to Gallia county with his father, with whom he has since resided. He was educated at Gallia academy and Lebannon college. In 1884 he commenced teaching, which profession he followed for three years. During this time he attended medical lectures for two terms at Starling Medical college, in Columbus, where he was graduated in 1890. Shortly after leaving college, the doctor located at

Cheshire, where he has since been practicing his profession and gives promise of a prosperous future. May 11, 1888, Dr. Ely was happily married to Miss Mina, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Reynolds) Holmes. The doctor belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of the Sons of Veterans. He and wife are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

B. T. Enos, one of the leading business men of Gallipolis, was born in Erie county, N. Y., August 1, 1832, his father being Benjamin Enos. The latter was a native of Vermont and son of Benjamin Enos, of English descent. Benjamin, first above mentioned, was born April 7, 1807. September 20, 1831, he married Phebe Miller, and they became the parents of the following named offspring: Brayton T., Helen A. (deceased) and Benjamin S. (deceased). The father was a tanner by trade and died in East Aurora, N. Y., April 22, 1840. The mother departed this life at the same place, March 28, 1883. Brayton T. Enos, the subject of this sketch, is the only living descendant of his father. The latter died when Brayton was but seven years of age, and he remained with his widowed mother until he was seventeen, by which time he had gained a limited education and learned the trade of machinist. In 1859, in connection with two partners, he engaged in business at Springfield, Mo., where he remained several years. Afterward he entered a machine shop at Buffalo, N. Y., and later made other changes from place to place. In 1867 he located at Gallipolis, which has since then been his permanent place of abode. He followed his old trade and is now a member of the firm of Enos, Hill & Co., machinists. He has been an industrious man all his life and has met with success, considering the fact that he started without other capital than a willingness to work. In 1874 Mr. Enos was united in marriage at Gallipolis with Miss Mary A. Maguet. Mrs. Enos is the daughter of Lewis Maguet, and granddaughter of Adelaide Maguet, who came to Gallipolis in 1799, when only twelve years of age, being a member of the noted French colony which settled the place. The children born to Mr. Enos and wife are as follows: Brayton T., Benjamin L. and Carrie and May.

Harry Frank, one of the representative business men of Gallipolis, was born in Alsace, now a part of Germany, in the year 1819. He was reared and educated in his native country where he obtained a fair knowledge both of French and German. In 1847 he came to the United States, proceeding immediately to Gallipolis, where he located and began his business career. He managed several different kinds of business until 1865, in which year he removed to Cincinnati, where he remained in business until 1879, and then returned to Gallipolis, which has since been his place of residence. In 1848 Mr. Frank married Miss Fanny Silverman, a native of Bavaria, Germany. The marriage took

place in Cincinnati and was blessed by the birth of four children: Joseph, Nettie, Jacob and Samuel. Joseph died at the age of twenty-two years. Mr. Frank has met with great success in life as a business man and a few years since he retired, his sons becoming his successors. Under the firm name of Harry Frank's Sons, they conduct what is perhaps the leading clothing store of Gallipolis, carrying a full line of gents' furnishing goods. The sons are bright business men and give promise of successful careers. The elder Mr. Frank enjoys general respect for his life of industry and integrity and the entire family is highly esteemed.

William Greenleaf Fuller takes pride in his place of birth, which occurred in the famous city of Boston, Mass. His father was Sumner Fuller, a native of the same state, and son of Joseph Fuller. The latter was a son of one of three brothers, who emigrated from England in the olden times. One settled in Maine, one in New Hampshire and one in Massachusetts. The members of this family were noted for the advanced period to which they lived. The three English brothers became progenitors of a large number of descendants. Sumner Fuller was married to Mary Hervey Greenleaf, who was a first cousin of the mother of John G. Whittier, the poet. They became the parents of seven children, of whom six still survive and have families. The father lost his life by accident in 1837, but the mother lived to be over eighty-five years old. William G. Fuller was only ten years of age at the time of his father's death. Two years later he began the hard struggle of life for himself, his mother being unable to do much for him as she was encumbered with the support of a large family. In 1845 he was appointed yeoman, or clerk, in charge of supplies or stores for the ship's use, on board the United States naval steamer "Mississippi." After the beginning of the Mexican war, the steamer "Mississippi," being at Point Isabel, her crew volunteered to assist Gen. Taylor in his first and second battle against the enemy, and then operated on the gulf coast, thus Mr. Fuller became a participant in the Mexican war. After the termination of hostilities, Mr. Fuller returned to his native state of Massachusetts, where he learned the business of telegraphy. In 1848 he came to Ohio, where he aided in building the second telegraph line through the state, and extending from Pittsburg to Cincinnati. In 1849 Mr. Fuller was given charge of the office at Marietta, Ohio, where he continued to reside up to the commencement of the civil war. At that time Mr. Fuller was superintendent of telegraph lines on the B. & O. and M. & C. railroad. When Gen. McClellan took command of the Ohio department, he appointed Anson Stager superintendent of military telegraph, and he made Mr. Fuller his assistant. He was placed in charge of a corps of workers, and

began the construction of telegraph lines in West Virginia. There he built what is said to have been the first regular military telegraph line ever constructed by an army. Subsequently he took part in the first two engagements of the war at Phillippi and Rich Mountain. Later he was sent to Kentucky, where he constructed the military telegraph lines connecting with New Orleans and Texas. His services in this line of work were at that particular time invaluable to the Federal government as the possession of telegraph lines connecting the armies at the front with the important centers in all the northern states was a factor of great importance in conducting military operations. In the spring of 1863, while in Tennessee, Mr. Fuller was appointed captain and assistant quartermaster. In March, 1865, when at Mobile, Ala., Secretary of War Stanton appointed Capt. Fuller brevet lieutenant colonel of volunteers "for meritorious services and long continued devotion to duty at the front." After the close of hostilities, Col. Fuller for a short time engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in 1868 became one of the company who commenced the furniture factory now known as the Fuller & Hutsinpiller Co., of Gallipolis. In 1850 the subject of this sketch was united in marriage at Marietta, Ohio, to Miss Lucy L. Newton. To this union there were born three children, but a son named William Burtt is the only one surviving. Mr. Fuller and family are members of the Presbyterian church, and enjoy high social standing. He is a master Mason and a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion.

Perrin Gardner, M. D., one of the best known and most successful physicians and surgeons of southern Ohio, was born in Gallia county, May 11, 1828. He is one of eight children born to William and Rebecca (Sisson) Gardner. The parents were from New York, the father being a son of John Gardner, who was of English origin. The children of the latter were: Silas, John, Samuel, William, Mary and Lorena. William was married to Rebecca Sisson in New York in 1818, and a few years later they removed to Ohio in wagons. They reached Gallia county in 1820, and that was afterward the place of their residence. The father was a pioneer teacher in the county, but his later life was devoted to farming. He was an upright man, highly respected, and together with his family was a member of the Methodist church. In 1864 the parents were taken with their fatal illness, and it is a remarkable circumstance that their deaths occurred on the same day and hour, which was September 13, in the year above mentioned. Their son Perrin, who afterward became a distinguished physician, was reared in Gallia county, where he obtained a good education principally under the instruction of his father. He began the study of medicine at Gallipolis in 1847 under Dr. J. M. Cromwell. He pursued his studies continuously

and arduously, his occupation between time being that of school-teaching. In 1851 he was graduated from the Starling Medical college at Columbus, Ohio, where in later years he took a special course in anatomy. Since the year of his graduation he has been in active and constantly increasing practice, and no physician of the state has had greater success. In 1862 Dr. Gardner was made assistant surgeon, and February, 1864, became surgeon of the First West Virginia cavalry, and served with the regiment until the close of the war. His marriage took place in 1856 to Miss Luzette Walker, a native of New York, and two children were born to the union. The family ranks socially among the best and is deservedly popular wherever known. Dr. Gardner performed the first successful abdominal section in Gallia county in 1861, and has performed not less than ten abdominal sections, and many other capital operations.

Daniel Glassburn is a son of David and Polly (Sawyers) Glassburn. He was born June 24, 1837, in Gallia county, which has always been the place of his residence. March 24, 1864, he was united in wedlock to Miss Sarah A., daughter of Lewis and Felicity (LeClair) Denney. The wife's father is from North Carolina, and her mother a native of Gallia county. Mr. Glassburn and wife became the parents of the following named offspring: Melvin E. and Clancy E. The family are members of the Free Will Baptist church. By calling Mr. Glassburn is a carpenter and undertaker, but he owns a farm which he has always managed. His only son, Melvin E. Glassburn, was born September 28, 1865, in Gallia county, where he has always resided. September 18, 1889, he was united in matrimony with Miss Eva O. A. Denney, and the union has been blessed with the birth of one child, Ira Miller. Melvin E. follows farming and undertaking for an occupation, and resides with his father. He is an upright and industrious young man who is generally esteemed, and gives bright promise for the future.

David Glassburn is a son of John and Mary (Richardson) Glassburn, natives of Bath county, Va. John's father was David Glassburn, who took part in the famous battle of Pt. Pleasant, where he was shot, but afterward recovered from the wound. He died in Bath county, Va., many years ago. His children were John, David, Samuel, George, Peter, Frederick, Mary, Rachel and Sarah. John Glassburn was born in 1779, and came to Gallia county, Ohio, in 1804, where his death occurred September 26, 1856. About 1802 he married Mary Richardson, who was born in 1779, and died in October, 1809. Her children were John, David and Olive. Their son David was born January 28, 1805, in Gallia county, and was the first white child born in the township. His marriage took place June 2, 1831, to Polly Sawyers, and they became the parents of the following named children:

Mary C., Lewis, Daniel, Nathaniel, Arnis and Alonzo (twins), and Lavias. Mrs. Glassburn was born in 1810 and died December 26, 1853. David Glassburn held the office of supervisor in Gallia county for about twenty-eight years. He has always been a farmer and by hard work and good management has prospered in his business. His son, Nathaniel, was born January 10, 1839, in Gallia county. October 27, 1875, he was united in marriage to Sarah M. Vaughn, and their children are as follows: Jesta E., Howard V., Rilla E., Colby L. and Clemma R. The father served as a teamster during the civil war for about eighteen months. He has always pursued the occupation of farming, and at present owns a good tract of land, numbering 251 acres. He is a member of the Grange and keeps well informed on all matters pertaining to the agricultural interests.

A. J. Greene, one of the leading attorneys of Gallipolis, was born in Madison, Ind., in 1845, October 30, his parents being Oliver H. and Margaret A. (Lasher) Greene. The father was a native of New Jersey and a grandson of Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary fame. He was educated for the medical profession and made that his life's vocation. After reaching his majority he came to Ohio and located in Meigs county, where he resumed the practice of medicine. In 1843 he was united in marriage with Margaret A. Lasher, who came with her parents from New York to Meigs county, in 1830, when she was but six years of age. Soon after marriage they located at Madison, Ind., where the father continued his practice. In 1861 he enlisted in the Federal army and became surgeon of the Thirteenth Indiana Battery Independent Light artillery. While the regiment was engaged in battle at Hartsville, Tenn., December 7, 1862, Dr. Greene was mortally wounded and died from the effects on the 21st of the same montth. His remains were brought back to Rutland, Ohio, where they were interred in the presence of a mourning throng. His widow, who is now in her sixty-seventh year, resides in Gallipolis. They became the parents of three children: Alonzo J., Kate M. and John O., all of whom survive. Alonzo J. Greene was educated in the college at Georgetown, Ky., to which place his parents had removed from Madison in 1849. He enlisted in the Federal service with his father and was with the latter when he was mortally wounded at Hartsville. He was discharged from service at the instance of his mother on account of his youth, but in 1864 re-enlisted in Company A, Second West Virginia cavalry, with which he served until the termination of hostilities. At the close of the war he joined his mother in Meigs county, Ohio, where he remained until July, 1866, when he began the study of law at Jackson C. H., W. Va., with J. E. Myers. In 1867, Mr. Greene was admitted to the bar in West Virginia, where he

practiced until 1873, when he located at Middleport, changing to Gallipolis in 1876. Since his arrival in the last mentioned place, he has enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. He is a member of the G. A. R., K. of P. and I. O. O. F. In 1870 Mr. Greene was wedded to Sarah C. Parker, by whom he had two children, one now living, Norman P. The wife died in March, 1873. May 5, 1874, Mr. Greene married Miss Julia C. Shaw, and two children, Lynn C. and Edna S., came to brighten the household. Mr. Greene is a member of the Baptist church and the family enjoy excellent social standing and very general esteem.

William C. Hayward, one of the leading business men of Gallipolis, was born in the city of his residence September 3, 1835. His father, Solomon Hayward, was born in New England in 1791, being a son of a man of the same name as himself, of Puritan origin. The last mentioned settled at Gallipolis in the latter years of his life and there he died. Solomon Hayward, the father of the subject of this sketch, married Catherine Tilley, who was a native of Ohio, and died in Gallipolis in 1876 at the age of seventy-six. By her marriage she became the mother of the children below enumerated: Caroline, Frances A., Catherine, Emily, Charles and William C. Solomon Hayward, by a previous marriage to the one last described, had two children, Mary and John. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade and followed the undertaker's business for a number of years. In 1853, he took his son into partnership and under that firm name the business has been conducted up to the present time. Solomon Hayward enlisted as a soldier in the war of 1812 and served for several terms as mayor of Gallipolis. He held to the Presbyterian faith in religion, was a man of strict integrity, and when his death occurred in 1882, he was very sincerely lamented by the entire community. His son, William C., was reared in Gallipolis where he received an ordinary common school education. Up to the time of his father's death he was connected with him in business, after which his own son was taken in as a partner and the firm name still continued Hayward & Son. In 1860 Mr. Hayward married Miss Irene Neal, a native of Gallipolis and daughter of one of the earliest settlers, who followed the milling business. Only one son, named William N., was born to this marriage. The family are Presbyterians in religion, and fraternally Mr. Hayward belongs to the Masonic and I. O. O. F. lodges, being connected with the latter since 1857.

David B. Hebard, a leading lawyer of Gallipolis, is a native of Marietta, Ohio, where he was born in 1824. His father was James H. Hebard, a son of Ebenezer Hebard, of Vermont, and of Welsh lineage. He was a Presbyterian minister and an early settler of Gallipolis. His son, James H., was born in Vermont, and was married in Marietta, Ohio, where for a few years he fol-

lowed the profession of a physician. In 1836 he became a citizen of Gallipolis, which was his place of residence until called away by death. D. B. Hebard, as he grew up to manhood, received a liberal education, principally in Marietta. In 1838 he came to Gallipolis, where he subsequently began the study of law under Judge Simeon Nash, which he continued for several years. In 1849 he was elected auditor of Gallia county, which position he held for six years. In 1857 he began the practice of law in partnership with Alonzo Cushing. From the start and ever since, his practice has been lucrative and steadily increasing. A few years after the civil war, he was elected prosecuting attorney for Gallia county, on the democratic ticket, overcoming an opposing majority of 1,100. He served in this office for one term, when he returned to his law practice, which he continued until 1874, when Gov. Allen appointed him judge of the court of common pleas for Gallia, Washington, Meigs and Athens counties. Afterward he was made the democratic candidate for the judgeship, but the district being largely republican, he was defeated. After retiring from the bench he resumed the practice of his profession, in which he has met with marked success, being regarded as one of the ablest attorneys of this section. The high honors conferred upon Judge Hebard sufficiently indicate the esteem and confidence in which he is held. He has a wide circle of acquaintances and his popularity is general wherever he is known.

C. A. Hill, a prominent business man of Gallipolis, and member of the firm of Enos, Hill & Co., foundrymen and machinists, was born in Yates county, N. Y., April 25, 1840. His father was Thomas Hill, who was born in England in 1800. He married Elizabeth Murphy, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1805, and they became the parents of the following named children: John, who died in Andersonville prison; Sarah, Alice, Charles A. and Eliza. The marriage of the parents took place in Ireland, and soon thereafter, or about 1830, they came to the United States, first locating in New York. In 1847 they went to Wheeling, and about six years afterward settled at Gallipolis, which ever since continued their place of residence. The father was a wool worker by trade, and died at Gallipolis in 1876. His wife still resides in that city, of which she is one of the oldest citizens. Charles A. Hill was reared to manhood in the United States, and received a fair education in the common schools. At Gallipolis and Cincinnati he learned the trade of a machinist, which has been his principal occupation. He volunteered in the United States cavalry in July, 1861, and served to the expiration of his term of service. In 1870, Mr. Hill married Miss Josephine Waddell, a native of Gallia county, and to this union five children were born. Mr. Hill is connected fraternally with the

I. O. O. F. order. He is an unassuming, industrious business man who enjoys high esteem in the circle where he moves.

John C. Hutsinpiller is a native of Gallia county, where his birth took place December 11, 1840. His father was Henry Hutsinpiller, son of Abraham Hutsinpiller, a citizen of foreign birth, and one of the early settlers of Greenbrier county, Va., whence he came to Gallia county. He was a farmer by occupation and spent his life in Gallia county, after his arrival there. His son, Henry, was educated for farm work and always followed that occupation. He married Miss Jane E. Dodge, a native of Ohio, who was left an orphan and reared by friends. Henry and wife became the parents of seven children. The father is dead, but the mother still lives at Gallipolis. John C., who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, but received a good education at the Gallia academy. He enlisted as a soldier at the beginning of the war, but owing to a surplus of men under that call his services were not accepted. In 1862, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventeenth Ohio volunteer infantry. His company subsequently was organized into a heavy artillery, when he received the commission as second lieutenant, which he held at the time of his discharge in 1865. After the civil war he took a course in the commercial college at Cincinnati, and in 1866, began the manufacture of furniture. Two years later becoming a member of the Fuller & Hutsinpiller furniture manufacturing company, of Gallipolis. In 1873, Mr. Hutsinpiller was united in matrimony to Miss Mary S. Stewart, and the union resulted in the birth of two children. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife belongs to the Presbyterian denomination. Fraternally, he is associated with the I. O. O. F., is a Master Mason and belongs to the G. A. R. and Loyal Legion. Under Gov. Foraker he was appointed a trustee for the asylum for the insane at Athens.

James Johnston, M. D., was born in Gallia county, May 12, 1834, being a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cherrington) Johnston. The father, who is now in his eighty-fifth year, is one of the oldest living settlers of Gallia county. He was born in Melrose, Scotland, but came to this country when thirteen years of age, with his parents, who settled on a farm near Gallipolis. Dr. Johnston was reared on a farm and educated in the schools of Gallipolis. When twenty years old he began the study of medicine at the last mentioned city, under the preceptorship of Dr. W. W. Mills. At the age of twenty-three he was graduated from the Starling Medical college, at Columbus, Ohio, and in the spring of 1857 located at Kyger, Ohio, where he began the practice of his profession. He continued until 1862, in August of which year he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio volunteer infantry. He was

discharged in 1863 on account of ill health, but in 1864 returned as assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Forty-first Ohio volunteer infantry. In this position he remained until the regiment's term expired. Dr. Johnston then returned to Gallia county and resumed his practice at Kyger, which was kept up until November, 1881, when he settled at Gallipolis. In 1857, September 16, he was wedded to Miss Augusta Bradbury, of Gallia county. This union resulted in the birth of three children, two sons and a daughter, the latter being dead. The doctor has for years been one of the leading physicians. For a number of years he has been a member of the board of pension examineers. He belongs to the Ohio Southwestern and Ohio medical societies. Fraternally he is a member of the Knight Templar order, of the Elks, the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion. The doctor is entitled to the praise belonging to a self made man, as he has made his way in the world and achieved his successes by his own individual efforts and talents.

J. M. Kerr was born December 15, 1835, in Gallia county, his parents being John N. and Isabella (Morrison) Kerr. The father was born in 1804, and was a son of John Kerr, a native of Pennsylvania, of Irish lineage. The elder John Kerr came to Gallia county in 1800, and located on a farm which has since been known as the Kerr homestead. The first proprietor married Christianna Nicewanger, who at the time lived in Meigs county, but was of Pennsylvania birth and German parentage. This marriage was productive of six sons and four daughters, viz.: John N., Joseph H., Richard S., James C., Samuel, Jacob, Maria, Susan, Harriet and Sarah. The father of these children was a prominent and highly respected man in his day, having been a commissioned officer in the war of 1812, and for many years a colonel in the Ohio state militia. For six or eight years he was sheriff of Gallia county, and an associate judge for about ten years, besides which he held various minor offices. He and wife were members of the Presbyterian church, and the descendants have mostly adhered to this inherited faith. John N. Kerr, the oldest of their sons, was born and bred on the old homestead, and followed farming for an occupation. The only office he ever held was that of county commissioner, which he occupied for twelve years. He first married Isabella Morrison, who was born in 1803, in Gallia county, and died in 1844. Their children were Augustus P., Mary A., John R., Maria, James M., Susan C., William M. and Samuel J. In 1847 he married Caroline Cherrington, who became the mother of the following offspring: Charles W., Harriet I., Edward E., Fanny H. and Cassius Clay. James M. Kerr, son of the man last sketched, was reared and educated in Gallia county. Until the age of thirty he followed the business of farming and then embarked his for-

tunes as a wholesale hardware dealer at Gallipolis, where he has since continued in the enjoyment of a prosperous trade. In 1860 Mr. Kerr united his fortunes for life with Miss Isabella Mills, of Gallia county, and this marriage resulted in the birth of the following named children: Fred H., Mary E., Norah B. and James M., Jr. The mother died in 1878, and in 1880 Mr. Kerr married Emily A. Andrews, an estimable lady of Gallia county. Since 1867 Mr. Kerr has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

Joseph Vanden was born in French Flanders, Holland, April 1, 1787, served through the war of 1812, died May 10, 1881. Mary, wife of Joseph Vanden, was born beside the Chesepeake Bay, February 5, 1795, died July 13, 1879. Mary Ann Vanden was born at Galliopolis, January 27, 1821, died August 1, 1879, was married to William Sprague Kerr, whose father was an early settler of Gallia county. William Sprigg Kerr was born and reared in Gallia, and though he died early in life, he was well known throughout the town. He was one of the first justices of the peace in Gallipolis, and for a long time he was proprietor of what was in those days called the "Cow-pasture Store." He was married to Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph Vanden, of Gallia county, and the union resulted in the birth of five children. There were two daughters, one of whom died in early infancy, and a son named William S., who was for over twenty years a telegraph operator at Gallipolis, died at the age of forty-three. The surviving children are Charles D. and Joseph, the former being the youngest of the family. The mother died at the age of fifty-eight, much lamented by all who knew her. Charles D. Kerr, at the age of twenty, graduated from the Gallipolis high school. Immediately after leaving school in 1870, he went to Selina, Kan., where he remained for five years under the instruction of a German pharmacist, who was a graduate from the famous Hessen Castle school in Germany. In 1875 Mr. Kerr returned to Gallipolis, and there for the last sixteen years he has been engaged in the drug business. He has met with marked success and at present is the leading druggist of the place, and a K. T. Mason of excellent social rank, as well as general popularity. In June, 1889, he was united in matrimony with Miss Minnie, daughter of Dr. Joseph Shallcross, an early physician of Gallipolis, now deceased. Joseph Shallcross, Jr., M. D., son of Catherine and Dr. Joseph Shallcross, was born in Darby, Delaware county, Penn., in 1797. Left an orphan at the early age of twelve years, he became a sailor aboard of one of his uncle Hollandsworth's vessels, making several voyages to Liverpool and return. He served honorably as a soldier in the war of 1812. His grandfathers Morris and Shallcross, his father and only brother, all being physicians

of prominence, it would seem that he inherited the calling. He graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, in the spring of 1826, he first practiced in St. George, Dela., then in Philadelphia, Penn., and finally moved west to Ohio, where he was a practitioner, highly esteemed, until his death, in 1871. His is probably one of the most carefully preserved family histories in Ohio, having a written record of his ancestors back to the year 843. After locating in Ohio he was married to Emily, youngest daughter of Elizabeth and Col. John Henderson, of Virginia. Col. Henderson was for a number of years, a member of the legislature at Richmond, Va., holding the office at the time of his death.

William Kling, the popular manager of the Gallipolis Stove Works, of Gallipolis, Ohio, was born in Gallia county, November 18, 1848. His father was Adam Kling, a native of Kaeing, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, where he was born in 1810 and came to the United States in 1840. He first located at Pittsburg, but later with a colony moved to twelve miles below Gallipolis, in West Virginia, after which he settled at Harrisburg, in Gallia county, Ohio. In 1846 he located near Gallipolis, where he carried on the wagon maker's trade in connection with merchandising and farming. About 1869 he became interested in the Gallipolis Stove foundry with which business he continued until the time of his death, which occurred in 1871. In 1842 he was married in Pittsburg to Eva Maria Shoenberger, of Kaeing, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, and they became the parents of the following named children: Elizabeth, George, William, Charles, Mary, John, Frederick, Lewis and Emma H. The mother, who still lives at Gallipolis, was born in 1820, and came to this country in 1838 with a brother. She and husband were of the Lutheran faith. William Kling, their son, was reared and educated in Gallia county, finishing up his instruction by taking a commercial course at Pittsburg. He began life by embarking in the grocery business at Gallipolis, but since 1869 has been identified with the foundry industry. At first he worked for his father, but soon after the latter's death, in partnership with his brother George, he became the successor of his father and since 1869 has been manager of the Gallipolis Stove Works. Mr. Kling has been very successful in his business enterprises and deserves all he has obtained as he is an industrious and hard-working man.

Alexander Logue was the only child of Samuel and Eleanor (Vanzant) Logue, and was born October 12, 1809, in Gallia county, near Gallipolis. His father, Samuel Logue, was born in Botetourt county, Va., about 1770 and came to Gallia in 1800. After his arrival, he married Eleanor Vanzant, but by a previous marriage had two children, named William and Elizabeth. In 1816, he was married for a third time to Hannah Gross, by whom

he had eight children: Mary, Abner, Martin, Samuel, James, Margaret, Hester and Eveline. Samuel Logue was a farmer by occupation and owned a tract of land in Morgan township. For many years he was justice of the peace and constable, his death taking place in 1840. His son Alexander married Sophia Bing in 1832 and they became the parents of the following named children: Eleanor, William, James, Lovisa, Mary, Celucia, John and Alexander. He was married the second time to a Miss Vangilder and a third time to Harriet Dana, but no offspring resulted from the last two marriages. Mr. Logue was married for the fourth time to Naomi Breckenridge, with whom he now lives. During the course of his life, Mr. Logue has held many offices of trust and profit. He served for four years as county commissioner and was sheriff of Gallia county for the same length of time. He was probate judge of Gallia county for three terms in succession, making nine years in all. He also served as infirmary director, and held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. In all his official positions he has so conducted himself as to give satisfaction and gain the good will of all.

Samuel G. Logue is a son of Samuel and Hannah (Gross) Logue, of whom mention is elsewhere made in this volume. He was born February 4, 1828, in Gallia county, Ohio, which has ever since been his place of residence. He remained under the parental roof until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he commenced the battle of life in his own behalf. In 1850, when twenty-two years old, he joined his fortunes for life with Miss Mary M. Robinson, and unto them have been born the following children: Charles W., Laura F., Mary M., Hannah C., Benjamin C. and Samuel A. In 1862 Mr. Logue enlisted in Company B, Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served faithfully until his discharge in July, 1865. He took part with his regiment in the following named battles: Stephenson Depot, Cloyd Mountain, Winchester and Cedar Creek. During all of his life Mr. Logue has farmed for a living, and is regarded as a quiet, industrious man, whom everybody likes.

Cornelius M. Lucas was born December 26, 1830, in Morgan county, Ohio. His grandfather, Nathaniel Lucas, was born at Hartford, Conn., July 19, 1772; died August 16, 1855. In his native place he learned the trade of blacksmith, and engaged in that business in building ships until he was twenty-two years of age, when he emigrated to Marietta, Ohio, where he carried on the business of blacksmithing, and assisted in ironing the first ships built at that place. In 1797 he married Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Lieut. William Robinson, of Washington county, then territory of Ohio, who survived her husband until October 8, 1870. They both passed the last years of their lives with their

son, Albert C. Lucas, in Gallia county, and were buried at Vinton, in the same county. Nathaniel Lucas continued to reside at Marietta after his marriage, doing the blacksmith work in the ship yard for four years. In those days the country was infested with savage Indians, and it was not safe to travel alone. He removed to Roxbury, on Wolf Creek, at the mouth of one of its tributaries, which to this day is called Lucas Run, where he continued blacksmithing until the year 1845, when his eyesight beginning to fail him, he gave it up and turned his attention to farming. In after years he located in Morgan county, where the town of Windsor now stands. Nathaniel and Elizabeth Lucas were the parents of the following children: Nancy, William B., Charles, Jane, Jalana, Harriet, Fannie, Albert C., Mary and Josiah S. The first two named were born at Ft. Harmar, opposite Marietta. William B., father of the subject of this sketch, was born January 13, 1801, and resided in Washington and Morgan counties until 1844. In 1824 he was married in Washington county to Catharine Hargus, who was born November 31st, 1806, and they became the parents of the following children: Nathaniel, Clarinda, Cornelius M., Tabitha, Beersheba, William B., Hulda M. and Cinderella. In 1844 he with his family removed to Trimble county, Ky., where in 1848, his wife died. He was married a second time to Hulda Pagget, and their children were: Morton, Rhoda J. and Thomas A. After his second union he removed to Indiana where he died May 27th, 1856. Cornelius M. Lucas, the subject of this sketch, was married in Kentucky, January 25th, 1849 to Martha W. Withrow, and their children were: William H., Martha J. and Joseph C. Mr. Lucas became a resident of Gallia county, Ohio in 1857. In 1860 his wife died, and August 16th of the same year, at Vinton, Gallia county, Ohio, he was married to Louisa M. Matthews, a daughter of Capt. Phineas Matthews, one of the Ohio valley's most prominent pioneers, who emigrated from Boston, Mass., to Marietta, Ohio, about 1795. The children born to this union were: Augusta M., Horton S. and Eliza S. In 1862 Mr. Lucas enlisted in Company K, Sixtieth Ohio regiment, and was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry when Gen. Miles surrendered. In 1869 he removed with his family to the west, living in Kansas and Missouri until 1876, when they returned to Gallia county, where they have since resided. Mr. Lucas has never aspired to public office, but has held the position of township trustee and constable. He was a boatman for some years, but his principal occupation has been farming. He is a Master Mason, having belonged to the fraternity for twenty-seven years. In politics he is a republican and in religion believes in the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

Charles Mack, one of the leading merchants of Gallipolis, was born October 19, 1831, in Friedberg, Germany, being a son of Henry Mack, who died when his son was a small boy. Charles was reared and educated in Germany, where he received a fair education, and he now reads and writes the English as well as the German. In 1847, when fifteen years old, he commenced clerking in a store in Germany, which continued until 1853, when he emigrated to the United States. He landed at New York city, whence he soon came into West Virginia, where he worked in the saw-mill for a few months, and in 1854 located in Gallia county, Ohio, where he worked on a farm for one year. In 1855 he commenced clerking in Gallipolis for William H. Laughy & Co. Owing to his previous experience and his use of two languages, Mr. Mack became a valuable salesman for his employers, with whom he remained for seven years. In the fall of 1864 he began business for himself in Gallipolis, which he has since continued with more than ordinary success. He has built a large and handsome store where he conducts a general merchandising trade, having four sons connected with him in business. In addition to his property in Gallipolis, he owns another store in Vinton. In 1857 he married Miss Winnie Vollvorn, of Brunswick, Germany. This marriage resulted in the birth of eight children, of whom seven are living. Mr. Mack and family are of the German Lutheran faith in religion, and rank among the leading families of their place of residence. He is one of the most prosperous merchants of Gallipolis as well as one of its most respected citizens.

James W. Maddy was born March 25, 1817, in Gallia county, on the farm where he now resides. His father was James Maddy who was born in Monroe county, Va., in 1791, and came to Gallia county in 1814, where he lived until his death in 1864. He was a son of John Maddy, of the Shenandoah valley, who married Anna B. Miller, of Pennsylvania. Their son, James Maddy, after coming to Gallia county, purchased 100 acres of land of Postmaster General Gideon Granger, and it was about the first land purchased in his settlement. In 1812 James Maddy was married in Monroe county, Va., to Elizabeth Lowrey, daughter of Jeremiah Lowrey, who served six years in the Revolutionary war, being one of Washington's minute men. To the marriage were born these children: John, Enos, James W., Elizabeth, Maria, Sarah B., William L., Ellen B., Eliza, Mary J. and Charles C. He served in the early militia of Gallia county, as first lieutenant, and was drafted for the war of 1812 but peace was declared before he reached the scene of hostilities. His son, James W. Maddy, remained at home until his twenty-ninth year, and in 1846 was married to Mary A., daughter of William and Clarissa Hardy. Their union has been blessed by the birth

of the following named: Edwin P., William A., Lewis L., Sarah E., James J. and John T. The father is a farmer by occupation, and has always lived the life of independence which can only be found in such pursuits. He owns a comfortable home where he and his family dispense a liberal hospitality to their friends.

J. T. Matthews is a son of Moses R. and Mary (Smith) Matthews. The parents of Moses were Phineas and Polly (Russell) Matthews. Phineas was born in Massachusetts and came to Gallia county, Ohio, in 1803, settling where Cheshire now stands. By his marriage with Polly Russell he had the following children: Charles, Hester, Nancy, Aaron, Moses, Elisha and Thomas. His second marriage with a Miss Nobles was productive of the following children: Phineas, Nobles, Luretta, Polly, Louisa and Marion. His third wife was Chloe Young, who became the mother of two children: Luther and Abigal. Phineas was one of the pioneer settlers of Gallia county, followed farming for an occupation and for a while kept tavern at Cheshire. His son, Moses R., was born April 18, 1807, in Gallia county, where he lived until his death, November 12, 1878. He was married April 10, 1831, in Meigs county, to Mary Smith, daughter of Timothy S. and Polly (Conner) Smith, natives of Vermont. Timothy Smith and wife settled in Meigs county, in 1805, and their children were John A., Elizabeth, Sarah, Ansel, Timothy and Polly. The father was a shoemaker and coal dealer, and his death took place in 1846. The children of Moses R. Matthews and wife were: Timothy S., Mary, Esther, Charles, Enretta, Samantha, Nancy, Cynthia, Sarah, Moses R., John T. and Elizabeth. The father held the offices of judge and justice of the peace for a number of years. He was treasurer of Huntington township for twenty-two years in succession. By trade he was a tanner, which occupation he followed at Vinton from 1832 to 1856, when he purchased a farm in Huntington township on which he lived until his death, November 12, 1878. His wife survives him at the age of seventy-eight, and resides on a farm near Vinton. Her son, John T., was born in Vinton, February 28, 1853, and has resided at the place of his nativity ever since. He learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for thirteen years and then engaged in the business of tanning with his father. February 8, 1877, Mr. Matthews was married in Gallia county, to Jennie, daughter of G. W. and Hannah (Shivelcy) Shack, of whom sketches appear elsewhere in this work. The children born to Mr. Matthews and wife were Vennie, Max M., Dwight, Madge, Lucile and Floyd. The father has served as a member of the Vinton council and the school board. He is a Master Mason and belongs to Vinton lodge, No. 131. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the family enjoys very general esteem.

Jonas McCarty is a son of Jonas McCarty, Jr., and Ester S. Rife, his wife. His grandfather was also Jonas McCarty, who was one of the first settlers of Gallia county, Ohio. He emigrated from Shenandoah county, Va., in 1798. His wife, Catherine Circle, was the mother of the following named children: David, George, Jonas, Mary, Eve, John, Benjamin, James, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Silas and Sophia. Jonas McCarty, Jr., was born in Chesire township, Gallia county, Ohio, where he always resided. By his marriage with Ester Rife they had the following named children: Nancy, Eliza, Moses, Rachel, Jonas and Jane. They were all members of the Free-Will Baptist church. His son Jonas, was born in 1827 in Gallia county, and in 1846 was married to Sophronia Jones, who became the mother of the following named children: Alonzo S., Charles M, Almena C., Adrann and Alvina. Mr. McCarty is a farmer by occupation and is regarded as one of the thrifty men of the Ohio valley.

J. A. McClurg is a native of Steubenville, where his birth took place June 12, 1840. His father, James McClurg, was born July 30, 1802, in Westmoreland county, Penn. He was a son of Joseph McClurg, a native of New Jersey, and the father of the latter, also named Joseph, was an Irishman who came to the United States prior to the American Revolution. He married in this country and became the father of seven sons. The first, Joseph McClurg, was a farmer by occupation who served in the Revolutionary army, and was killed in one of the battles of that war, supposed to be the one that occurred at Trenton. James McClurg, Sr., who was father of the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in Pennsylvania, where he became a mill wright, but in after years followed various pursuits, among which were lumbering, paper manufacturing and merchandising. The latter pursuit was carried on principally by keel boating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, as far south as New Orleans, which was then the great outlet and market for the products of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. After taking down his boat loads of produce, the elder McClurg twice walked back from New Orleans to Pittsburg. During his boating career he frequently visited Cincinnati, where he became acquainted with Miss Effie Scott, with whom he was united in marriage April 26, 1821. This lady was born in Cincinnati in 1803, and now resides with her son, James A., in her eighty-eighth year. Her father was Joseph Scott, a native of Scotland. By her marriage with James McClurg, there were eleven children, eight of whom reached maturity. After their marriage the couple first settled in Pennsylvania, later went to Steubenville, Ohio, and in 1850 located at Gallipolis. At that place the father engaged in work at the paper mills, and it was while pursuing his daily vocation on July 20, 1855, that he was killed by an accident. His son, James A., was

only fourteen years old when death deprived him of his father. The family was in straightened circumstances and their support devolved largely upon this boy, who was compelled at a very tender age to face the struggles and difficulties of life. After getting a very limited education in the public schools, he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed until the beginning of the Civil war. In the fall of 1861 he entered the United States service as master mechanic at Camp Hamilton, Ohio, where he continued until the termination of hostilities in 1865. He then returned to Gallipolis and embarked in the business of steamboating, which continued to be his occupation until November, 1889, during which time he built and managed several boats which plied the Kanawha and Ohio rivers. In April, 1890, he became one of the founders of the Gallipolis Shoe factory, and was elected president of the stock company which conducts the same. In 1866 he married Miss Irene Robinson, of Charleston, W. Va., and to the union were born three children, a son and two daughters. Fraternally Mr. McClurg is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He is recognized as one of the progressive and leading citizens of the community, and is esteemed as a man who has made his own way in the world.

Peter A. McGhee is a son of Robert and Annie (Martin) McGhee. Robert's parents were Nelson and Stacey (Cooper) McGhee. Nelson's father was John McGhee, who was born in Ireland about 1716, and came to America in 1736, settling in Maryland, whence he went to Albemarle county, Va. In Maryland he married a lady of Irish birth, and their children were Nelson and Elkanah. The father returned to Ireland to look after the family estate, which he ordered to be placed in the bank of Ireland, but he died before the estate was settled, and his descendants never received the benefit of the same. John McGhee's death took place after his return to Virginia, and he left about $40,000. His son, Nelson, went to Franklin county, Va., about 1814, and his death occurred there in 1849. In 1812 he married Stacey Cooper, who bore him the following children: Caroline, Robert, John, Nelson, Mary A., Elkanah, William and Luraine. By a second marriage to Susan Richards, his children were Thomas, Smith, Sarah, Martha, Betty, Franklin and George. His wife still survives, and resides in Cabell county, at the age of eighty. Nelson McGhee was an officer in the war of 1812, and his widow draws a pension. Their son Robert was born in 1816, in Franklin county, Va., where he still resides. In 1848, he married Annie, daughter of Hugh and Jennie (Crary) Martin, Virginians of Irish lineage. To this union were born Peter A., Arnold L., Martha, and Calvin C. (deceased). The father is a farmer by occupation and for fifty

years has been a member of the Missionary Baptist church. Peter A. McGhee was born in Franklin county, Va., in 1847, resided there until 1881, and then moved to Huntington, W. Va. He was educated in the common schools and the university at Lexington, Va., graduating from the last named institution in 1866. For several years he was a student of medicine, but has never practiced the profession. In 1867 he was married in Franklin county, to Virginia L., daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Coleman) Whitlow. This union was blessed by the birth of the following children: William R., Betty J., Peter L. and James M. The mother of the above mentioned children died in 1874, and Mr. McGhee was a second time married in 1880, to Mrs. Annie C. Charles, who has borne him one child, John L. By a previous marriage Mrs. McGhee has one child, Mary E. By the second marriage with C. F. Charles, she became the mother of Annie B. and Henry B. (twins). In 1864, Mr. McGhee enlisted in the home guards for the Federal service, and was a courier at the battle of Kingston, N. C. He is a carpenter and has followed that trade for twenty-five years. He served as constable and deputy sheriff in Franklin county, Va. In 1890, he was ordained as an elder in the United Brethren church of Christ, having previously been a minister of the gospel for four years.

Martin McHale, one of the representative business men of Gallipolis, is a native of the Emerald Isle, where his birth took place in 1847. When hardly two years of age his parents brought him to the United States, the promised land of all good Irishmen. His father was Anthony McHale, who figured conspicuously in the Irish uprising of 1847, in opposition to the hated English tyranny. The mother's name was Ann Brogan, and by her marriage with Anthony McHale she became the mother of two sons named Martin and Michael. The family arrived in this country in 1849, being a part of the large emigration caused by the political disturbances of that period. Anthony McHale settled in Baltimore, and being a man of education with a practical knowledge of civil engineering, he was given a position on the B. & O. R. R., then in process of construction. He continued to reside in Baltimore until his death, which took place while he was engaged in railroad work in western Kentucky. His wife still survives and resides with her son Martin in Gallipolis. When only twelve years of age Martin McHale was placed in St. Patrick's college at Hamilton, Ontario, where he gained an excellent education. After leaving college at the age of eighteen, he learned the broom-maker's trade at Hamilton. In the meantime his mother had purchased a home in Gallipolis, where in 1868 her son Martin located and since then has resided. Immediately after his coming he established the business now known

as McHale's broom factory, which has proved to be one of the thrifty enterprises of the city. Since 1880 he has also conducted a good business in the grocery line in connection with the leading restaurant of the place. In addition to his city property he owns a valuable farm near Gallipolis, where he resides. In 1875 his marriage took place to Miss Alice Gallagher, of Kentucky, the ceremony being consummated at Hartford City, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. McHale, as were also their fathers and forefathers, are devout members of the Catholic church. In 1886 Mr. McHale made a trip to Europe, and during his absence visited England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany and Italy. He is recognized as one of the ablest business men of Gallipolis, and enjoys high esteem socially as well as in the ranks of trade.

John S. Mills is a son of Benjamin F. and Agnes (Switzer) Mills, natives of Gallia county, Ohio. Benjamin F. was a son of Charles and Sarah (Nizonger) Mills, natives of Boston, Mass. Charles Mills was born in 1776, and afterward became one of the pioneer settlers of Marietta, Ohio. In 1804 he moved with his family to Gallia county and settled on Big Chickamauga, about three miles from Gallipolis. He spent the rest of his days there and found a resting place in the cemetery at Mt. Zion, near the old homestead. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, but was principally engaged in farming. He died in October, 1839, and his wife departed this life December 10, 1831. Their son, Benjamin T., was born in Gallia county, April 11, 1805, and October 4, 1827, married Agnes Switzer, who bore him the following named children: Mary, Charles, Sarah, John S., Caroline, James, Valentine, Edward C. and Evaline S. The father died July 19, 1864, and his wife, October 23, 1884. Their son, John S. Mills, dates his birth from November 17, 1833, and has always resided in Gallia county. There, August 14, 1855, he was united in matrimony with Miss Sarah E., daughter of John R. and Sarah R. (Waddell) McCormick. Unto this marriage were born the following named offspring: Samuel, Florence and Benjamin. The sons died in infancy. On the 1st of January, 1890, Miss Florence was married to B. Frank Barlow, a wholesale dry goods merchant of Gallipolis, Ohio. They have one son born February 8, 1891, and named Joel Todd. Mr. Mills has lived the independent life of a farmer, and by industry has enjoyed a fair share of prosperity. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and reside on a farm in Springfield township.

Abraham Moch, a well-to-do merchant of Gallipolis, is a native of Alsace, where he was born in 1838, when it was a province of France. His father was Joshua Moch, who married in his native country and became the progenitor of the following named offsprings: Moses, Emma, Pauline and Abraham. The mother died when the latter was a small child, and the father

died in his native country at an advanced age. All the children now live in the United States. Abraham was given a fair education in the old country where he learned both the French and German languages. He left the parental roof when but fourteen years of age and walked to Paris, where he remained a few months, and afterward traveled on foot to Havre, in which place he continued for four years. In 1856 Abraham Moch came to New York whence he proceeded to Cincinnati, where his sister Emma lived. He began life in the United States as a country peddler, and in one year made sufficient money to start a grocery store at Gallipolis. This was in 1858, since which time he has been doing business in that city. In 1865 he changed from the grocery to the clothing business, and is at present one of the leading dealers in that line. While in Cincinnati in 1862, he married Rosa Baer, and in March, 1876, she died at the age of thirty-two, leaving the following named children: Samuel, Lily, Louis, Sallie and Charles. In 1878 Mr. Moch took for his second wife Amelia Blatt, and the result of this union was the birth of the following children: Julia, Stella, Joseph, Emma and Blanche, besides a son who died in infancy. Mr. Moch is a member of the Masonic, I. O. O. F. and K. of P. orders. He is respected as a hard working man who commenced life in utter poverty and reached the position of a prosperous and influential citizen.

J. H. Morrison is a son of A. T. and Elizabeth (Williams) Morrison, natives of Greenbrier county, W. Va. A. T. was a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Burr) Morrison. William Morrison, father of Andrew, emigrated from Ireland and settled in the Shenandoah valley, being one of the pioneers of that section. He became the father of four children, among them being Andrew, who was born 1754, in Shenandoah county, but became one of the pioneer settlers of Greenbrier county, Va. He was married there about 1775, to Elizabeth Burr, and their children were: John, William, Andrew, Thomas, Thankful, Elizabeth, Nancy, Rebecca, Jane and Hannah. Andrew Morrison served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He and wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a class leader for many years. He was a farmer and stock-dealer and met with success in his business owning a large farm in Greenbrier county at the time of his death, which occurred September 15, 1845. His son, Andrew T. Morrison, was born February 28, 1796, in Greenbrier county, where he resided until thirty years of age. He then spent twelve years in Allen county, Ohio, returned to Greenbrier and then went to Nicholas county where he remained until his death, which occurred January 24, 1883. In 1815, he married Sallie Littlepage, who bore him the following children: William, Mary, Jane, Elizabeth, Nancy and Sarah. His second wife was Maria Squires.

whom he married in Braxton county. His third venture in the matrimonial line was Elizabeth Williams, whom he wedded February 9, 1840. She was born in 1806, and was a daughter of Henson and Elizabeth Williams, who are elsewhere mentioned in this work. The children of the third wife were Isabella V., John H., Elizabeth W. and Annette T. The father enlisted for the war of 1812 a short time before peace was declared. At the outbreak of the civil war, he voted against the ordinance of secession and on this account was obliged to leave his home in Nicholas county, W. Va. In 1863 he enlisted in a company of state guards organized by Capt. J. R. Ranzey, and was discharged in May, 1865. After the war closed, he served as commissioner of Nicholas county. He was strong in the advocacy of temperance principles and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His son, John H. Morrison, was born in Greenbrier county, in 1844, and in 1862 became a resident of Gallia county, Ohio. September 12, 1866, he was married to Cynthia, a daughter of William and Jenetta Cherrington, who are elsewhere sketched. Mrs. Morrison was born January 2, 1847, in Gallia county. Her marriage with Mr. Morrison resulted in the birth of the following named: William A., Thomas E., James H. and Elizabeth J. At the close of the civil war, Mr. Morrison commenced business for himself. He bought a farm in Gallia county which he worked until 1880 and then engaged in merchandising at Evergreen, Ohio, which business he has ever since continued. Through his efforts the postoffice was established at Evergreen, since which time he has acted as postmaster. He is a shrewed business man and has met with decided success in his mercantile venture. In February, 1864, Mr. Morrison enlisted in Company D, Twenty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served loyally and faithfully until honorably discharged July 28, 1865. He took part with his regiment in the following named battles: Cloyd Mountain, Lynchburg raid, first and second Winchester, Kernstown, Martinsburg and Cedar Creek. Mr. Morrison and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the Mosonic lodge at Vinton.

E. W. Parker, M. D., a prominent physician of Gallipolis, was born in Gallia county in 1850. His father, Sherman M. Parker, was a native of Athens county, and son of Andrew Parker, who was a native of Connecticut and of English parentage. In early life Sherman M. Parker was a teacher, but later was engaged in merchandising and manufacturing buhrs for milling purposes. He settled in Gallia county in 1834, and there he married Rachel Morehouse, whose parents were early settlers of the county, from New England. From this union sprang eight children, seven sons and one daughter. The father died in 1863; the mother, January 21, 1891. Four of the sons, Sher-

man M., Oliver M., James A. and Edward W., served in the Federal army during the Civil war. Oliver M. belonged to the Thirty-sixth Ohio, and died in the Andersonville prison den in 1864. The other three served in the commissary department of the army from 1862 to 1864. Edward W. was at the time only twelve years of age, and served as a teamster. After returning home in 1864 he attended school at his birth place, and when sixteen years old began teaching school. When eighteen years old he began studying medicine at Porter, Ohio, with Dr. Perrin Gardner, as preceptor. At the age of twenty-one he was graduated at Ohio Medical college in Cincinnati, after which he formed a partnership with Dr. Gardner, and began practicing. In 1873 Dr. Parker was married to Miss Mary L. Bradbury, and to this union were born three children: Claud B. and Garnet A. and Harrold E., who died in infancy. After his marriage Dr. Parker continued the practice of his profession in Rutland and Pomeroy, Ohio. In 1877 he located at Vinton, Ohio, where he continued for twelve years. In 1889 Gov. Foraker appointed him physician at the Ohio Central Asylum for the Insane, at Columbus, but he soon resigned and resumed practice at Gallipolis. In 1889 Dr. Parker was appointed member of the pension examining board at Gallipolis. He is a Knight Templar Mason and member of the I. O. O. F. society. He and wife and children are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoy universal esteem.

McCoy Ralston was born in Gallia county, January 7, 1815. His father was Andrew Ralston, a native of Rockingham county, Va., who removed to Gallia county about 1802, where he lived until his death in 1847. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Bing, a native of Augusta county. Their children were James, John, William, Andrew, McCoy and Esther. The father was a stone-mason by trade but in after years followed the occupation of farming. He was successful in business and at the time of his death had accumulated considerable property. His wife died in 1837. His son, McCoy Ralston, was married in 1846 to Sarah E. Gaston of Gallia county, who became the mother of the children enumerated below: Morris W., Jonathan A., Arthur M. and Elizabeth L. Mr. Ralston has never been an office seeker, nor taken much interest in such matters. He has always followed the occupation of a farmer and at present owns a 190 acre tract in the county of Gallia. He is an industrious man who attends strictly to his own business and thus makes friends as well as a good living.

C. B. Robinson is a son of Jonah and Sarah (Morrison) Robinson. The parents of Jonah were Jonah and Joanna (Daniels) Robinson. The senior Jonah was born in New Jersey, and about 1803 emigrated to Columbiana county, Ohio. He was married

in New Jersey and his children were John, Margaret, Sarah and Jonah. He died in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the waters of Big Beaver. His son, Jonah, Jr., was born in New Jersey, in 1790 and when thirteen years of age came with his father to Columbiana county, where he resided until 1840, and then settled in Gallia county, where he died in 1861. His first marriage was to a Miss Bennett and it was without issue. His second union was to Sarah Morrison, who bore him the following named children: William M., Ann Eliza, John M., Joseph A., George M., Thomas L., Moses M., Charles B., Jonah T., Adolphus H. and Sarah E. The father held the position of trustee of Morgan township and was once a candidate for the legislature from the district composed of Gallia and Jackson. Though a democrat he was defeated in a strong whig district by only a small majority, his opponent being Hon. H. S. Bundy, who afterward was a member of congress for a number of years. Mr. Robinson served in the war of 1812 and wintered at Sandusky when they had no tents and were obliged to lie by log heaps. By occupation he was a farmer and horse dealer, but also kept a country tavern for about twenty years. After coming to Gallia county he followed farming and stock-dealing, but also merchandised in Addison, in partnership with his son, Joseph A. Charles B. Robinson was born October 31, 1833, near Wellsville, Ohio, and when six years old was brought to Gallia county by his father. He remained with his father until the latter's death in 1861, after which he resided with his sister for some years, engaged in farming and stock-dealing. Since 1874 he has been in the insurance business and represents a number of wealthy companies. He was democratic candidate for county treasurer in 1869, but was defeated. March 10, 1889, he was married to Mrs. Victoria (Holcomb) Fogg, widow of the late Cecil Fogg, a prominent citizen of Vinton. To this union were born the following named children: Beecher C. (deceased), Walter R. and Nellie C. Walter is a telegraph operator in the city office at Columbus, Ohio.

S. J. Rodgers is a son of John R. and Mary (Porter) Rodgers. John R. was a son of John Rodgers, who came from Rockbridge county to Gallia county, Ohio, in 1809, where he entered 640 acres of land and then returned to Virginia where he died. His children were: Thomas, Annie, Andrew, Samuel, Alrey, Alexander and Margaret. He was a preacher, but also followed the occupation of farming. John Rodgers, Jr., was born in Rockbridge county, Va., but in 1812 came to Gallia county where he died in 1855. He married Mary Porter, and their children were: Isabella, Maria, Eliza, Margaret and Alexander P., besides the subject of this sketch. The mother of these children died in 1827. Their son, Samuel J. Rodgers, was born in 1823 in Galli-

polis township, which has since been the place of his residence. In 1846, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Mills, but no children resulted from this union. The first wife died, and in 1870 he married Malinda A. Plummer. Mr. Rodgers has never dabbled in politics nor aspired to office, preferring to devote his time to the quiet pursuits of farming, and enjoy the independence that grows out of such a life.

Edwin Rothgeb is a son of Samuel Rothgeb and his wife, Frances, of whom sketches are elsewhere published in this work. He was born September 25, 1853, in Gallia county. He remained with his parents until twenty-seven years old, after which he commenced life for himself. February 4, 1881, he was united in matrimony to Miss Amazonia, daughter of John P. Hern, who came to Gallia county many years ago. The marriage of Edwin Rothgeb and wife resulted in the birth of the following named children: Georgie F., Gertrude R., Flossie E. and Chauncy E. Mr. Rothgeb is a popular man in his community, and served one term as assessor of Addison township. He is a Master Mason and member of Siloam lodge, No. 456, in Cheshire. His occupation has always been that of a farmer, in which he has been quite prosperous. The family have many friends and rank among the best.

Joseph W. Roush is a son of William Roush and a grandson of Adam and Hannah Roush, who came from the Shenandoah valley about the year 1775. The great grandfather of the subject of this sketch was one of the soldiers in the famous battle of Point Pleasant, which was fought in 1774. He returned home after the battle, subsisting on game during his journey through the wilderness. He was very much impressed with the beauty of the Kanawha valley and concluded to return there for settlement. His son, Adam Roush, subsequently purchased a section of land, a part of which is still owned by his grandson, Joseph W. Adam Roush lived on this farm and reared a family of three children, his death occurring at a very advanced age. His son, William Roush, was born April 2, 1809, in Gallia county, Ohio, which has since been his place of residence. He married Esther Rothgeb and they became the parents of the following named children: Mary, Susanna, Louisa, Abela and Joseph W. The father always followed the occupation of farming and became the owner of sme 300 acres of land. He and wife were members of the Lutheran church. The latter died in 1876, but he is still living at the age of eighty-two. His son, Joseph W., was born in 1842, on the farm in Gallia county where he now resides. In 1866 he was united in wedlock with Miss Maggie Reynolds, by whom he has the following named children: Minnie, Edith, Horton and Edna. May 3, 1863, Mr. Roush enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Ohio volunteer in-

fantry, and served until the close of the war. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are generally esteemed.

Dr. Joseph Ross Safford is a son of Chellis and Elizabeth (Waddell) Safford, and a grandson of Col. Robert Safford. He was born in Gallia county, Ohio, near Gallipolis, on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1844. Having passed through the usual curriculum of the common schools, at the age of eighteen, he volunteered in the military service, in the war of the Rebellion of 1861. Enlisting as a private in Company B, Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, he remained in the service until the close of the war in 1865, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison Ohio, receiving the commendations of his superior in command for his bravery, loyalty and faithfulness to duty. On his return to civil occupation, he chose as a profession, that of the science and arts of dentistry. Giving to it he his undivided attention for a period of several years, he attended the dental college at Cincinnati, in which he was matriculated in 1867. His thorough skill in his profession is best evidenced in the large and lucrative patronage he enjoys in the city and county of his nativity. In 1869, Dr. Safford was married to Miss Ella O. Wood, daughter of A. W. Wood, of Gallipolis, Ohio, by whom he has one daughter. He is a member, of the G. A. R., post No. 126, at Gallipolis, is a Mason, belonging to the Rose commandery, No. 43, K. T., and also a Knight of Pythias, lodge No. 45, of Gallipolis. He enenjoys a high position in the community for industry, integrity and honor. Chellis Safford, the father of Dr. Joseph Ross Safford, was the son of Colonel Robert Safford and Catherine Cameron, his wife. He was born near Gallipolis, in Gallia county, Ohio, on the 27th day of May, 1803. He married Elizabeth Waddell, daughter of William Waddell, of Gallia county, on the 26th day of December, 1822. Their children were William R., Mary C., John W., Francis M., Charles M., Martha E. and Joseph Ross Safford. He was a farmer and owned a farm near the residence of his father. He died on the 6th day of June, 1888, and his wife, Elizabeth Safford, survived him but one month later. Colonel Robert Safford, father of Chellis, and grandfather of Dr. Joseph Ross Safford, was a son of Dr. Chellis and Lydia (Warner) Safford, of Hardwick, Mass. He was born on the 7th day of July, 1768, at Hardwick, Mass. He married Catherine Cameron, of Gallipolis, Ohio, in the year 1793 or 1794. Catherine Cameron was of family of French emigrants who settled at Gallipolis in the summer of 1790. As Col. Safford was engaged with Major Burnham, under the direction of the Ohio company, in surveying the lands, laying out the streets and public places of the town of Gallipolis, and erecting buildings for the occupancy of the emigrants, it is presumed that he then formed his acquaintance with the lady who subsequently became his wife.

They had born unto them four sons and three daughters, viz.: John, Jonas, Polly, Lydia, Robert, Nancy and Chellis. Col. Safford continued to reside in Gallia county during the residue of his long and eventful career, which terminated on the 26th day of July, 1863, at the ripe old age of ninety-five years. In a recent notice of Col. Safford, published in a descriptive folder, with programme of the late centennial celebration at Gallipolis, O., it is stated that Col. Safford died in his "ninety-eighth" year. This is evidently a mistake, as the present writer has now in his possession, copied in the year 1850, from a paper containing a genealogical record of the Safford and Fay families, written in 1797, by Dr. Jonas Fay, then of Bennington, Vt., who had married Dr. Chellis Safford's widow—the mother of the Colonel, in which record the birth of Robert Safford is recorded as having been July 7th, 1768, which would make him several days only, beyond ninety-five, at the time of his death. As a history of this record is an interesting incident of his life, I give it as then (1850) related by him to me, in a conversation on matters of personal and family history. During the interview he walked to his bureau, and drew forth the time and weather-stained paper, and laid it before me. "After I had married and settled here a few years," said he, "I found the soil and climate so superior to that of my New England home, I concluded to not only remain permanently here, but I desired to have the associates of my early days as companions around me—particularly those of my immediate family. Accordingly, with such view in the spring of 1797, I bid adieu to my family, consisting of my wife and two children, mounted my horse and made the long and difficult journey through pathless forests and over mountains and bridgeless streams to my old New England boyhood's home in Vermont, where my mother and my brothers then resided, having removed there from Hardwick, Mass. There again I met, after an absence of more than twelve years, my delighted mother and friends who had mourned me as one lost to them forever; for in those days communication by mail or by transitory persons, was so seldom, that it was literally burying one's self in the wilderness. By reason of the savage inhabitants of the forest, and the equally to be dreaded brigands, who had fled from civilization to escape punishment for crimes and offenses committed, rendered it a hazardous undertaking to accomplish such a journey alone. The anxiety of my mother and my stepfather, Dr. Jonas Fay, as to my comtemplated return to my family in the fall, in the accidents that might befall me on the way, being entirely alone, it was determined that in case of such misfortune some evidence of my identity should accompany me that would secure my protection and relief if among civilized people, and if capture by savages, or in case of death, my family and friends could be communicated with. I was there-

fore furnished by my stepfather with this record, the only one, perhaps, in existence, and that I might not lose it on the way, my dear old mother had me disrobe myself of my coat, and then ripping the seams of the lining, she carefully placed the paper between and again sewed them up, bedewing with her tears every stitch which she took. "That paper," he continued, "is more precious to me than gold; take it and make yourself a copy, it is the only existing record of our family, of which I am aware. With the original I shall never part while living." I did as he directed, and have the copy now before as I write. At the bottom of the record the following note is appended: "N. B.—To whom it doth or may concern: The foregoing partial genealogy was entered at the request and special instance of Robert Safford, Esqr., who has a wife and two sons at Gallipolis, on the river Ohio, in the Northwestern Territory of the United States of America. His wife's name is Catherine. Should he meet with adverse fortune as to interest or health, and be unable to communicate it to any person verbally, and this paper be found with him, the person who may read this will be able to find by letter to his wife, to some of his relatives, or Jonas Fay, at Bennington, who claims him as a son in law. Dated at Bennington, 10th October, 1797." In the fall, Col. Safford returned safely to his family without accident or interruption, and had no occasion to use the paper for assistance on the way. At the time of his departure from New England for the west, Col. Safford was in the very vigor of his youth, and in the prime of his approaching manhood, near six feet in height. His proportion of form and face was attractively symmetrical. His step was light, lithe and elastic, his stride lengthy, his powers of locomotion were wonderful in their speed and almost incredible in their endurance. With the inherited wealth of a constitution unimpaired by excesses or disease, his bones were as of iron, and his sinews as of steel. In form he was an Apollo, in strength a Hercules. Firm without stubbornness, brave without boasting, his deportment inspired confidence and a sense of safety to all who trusted to him. He was no schemer for place, wealth he never coveted, as so supremely indifferent was he to the blandishments of power that he would never

> —— "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee,
> Where thrift may follow fawning."

He had an independence of mein, that would not "flatter Neptune for his trident, nor Jove for his power to thunder." In this new community of European emigrants, inexperienced as they were in the ways and necessities of the western civilization, he was indispensable. He was their *fac totem*. He cleared their lands, built their rude dwellings, furnished, in meats, the game

of the forest, in bread, meal from the pestle and mortar, or flour from the distant mills, salt from the surface springs of the desert, and potatoes, beans, pumpkins and corn, from the virgin soil of the valleys. And to crown all, he protected them against the beasts of prey, and the rifle, tomahawk and scalping knife of the savage. In the conversation before alluded to, in the year 1850, Col. Safford informed the writer, that he claimed the notoriety of having fallen the first tree on the present site of the city of Gallipolis. As his relation of the circumstance differs in some respects from the published account by others, I give it in as nearly the exact language of the relator as, at this distance of time, I can now recall. Col. Safford came to the Northwestern territory at the instance of Gen. Rufus Putnam, and Gen. E. W. Tupper, of the Ohio company of New England, which made the first organized settlement in the territory at Marietta, unless it be that of the Moravians. Both Putnam and Tupper had been officers in command of the continental forces in the war of the Revolution. Both had theoretical and practical knowledge of surveying. Col. Safford had engaged in their employment as axman, marker and chainman in their contemptated surveys. When it had been determined to lay out a town for the deceived and discontented French emigrants, Maj. Burnam was selected to perform the practical work of the undertaking. On the arrival of the forces at the initial point of the work, and while the surveyor was adjusting his instrument, and calculating the variation of magnetic meridian, the thought happily suggested itself to Col. Safford, who was one of the party in the capacity of marksman and chairman, to make the first mark in memoriam of himself. He hurriedly unbelted his tomahawk and vigorously attacked an adjacent sappling, which soon lay prostrate on the ground. The act would, probably, have remained unnoticed by his companions had he not proclaimed the fact that he was making history, and had secured a memorial to himself by cutting the first timber on the site of the future city. Such was the integrity of Col. Safford that no one who knew him ever doubted the circumstance related. The duties and callings, both in a civil and military capacity, of Col. Safford, were numerous, and, not unfrequently arduous. During his long and busy life he held many offices of trust and responsibility, in all of which he excelled. In the earlier history of the settlement he acted as guide, scout and hunter for the emigrants. He traversed the streams and ridges of the wildernesses of what is now known as the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, from Pittsburg to Cairo, until each was as familiar as the streets and avenues of his home. At various distant points he rendezvoused in the caves and cliffs of the wilderness, which even yet bear evidence of his camp fires. Often the companion of those celebrated rangers, Boone,

Kenton and Wetzell, they patrolled together the distant frontiers and bivouacked at dusk around the same camp-fire. Tokens of friendship and remembrance were mutually exchanged, and became treasured souvenirs and relics in their families long after the Indian wars had ceased, and their owners had been gathered to their fathers. The "tomahawk" and "small-axe" presented by Boone to Safford, are still preserved in his family, and were on exhibition at the Gallipolis Centennial in 1890. The "wolf" or "steel-trap," called "Old Isaacs," also the gift of Boone, was unfortunately carried off some years since, by a relic-fiend, under the guise of an historian. It is within the knowledge of the writer that when the construction of the Belpre & Cincinnati railroad (now the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern) was projected, the services of Col. Safford were secured as a pioneer guide for the route. The initial point of beginning was in the township of Belpre, on the Ohio river, opposite the town of Parkersburg, Va., thence by the most direct practicable route to Cincinnati. At the appointed time the parties assembled, each on horseback, and started on their tour, Col. Safford in the lead. They passed through the intervening counties, every foot of which was familiar to his practiced eye, to the city of Cincinnati. The route ultimately adopted, differed or diverged in many places from that recommended by Col. Safford — not, however, that his was not the most practical; but, by force of local and rival interests, contributing largely to the finances of the company, it was drawn away from the more direct and practical route for the road. In his civil capacity, Col. Safford served in many of the earlier offices of the territory, and also after it became a state. He was a justice of the peace as early as the year 1796, if not at an earlier date. The records of the marriages, where the ceremony was performed by him and certified to the court of Washington county, in which was then embraced the village of Gallipolis, show him actively engaged in such business, from March, 1796, to, and including January, 1803. He was one of the first trustees of the township, after the adoption of the state constitution, and president or chairman of the board. He was one of the first associate judges of the court of common pleas of the county, under the constitution of 1802, and as such, in the absence of the president, Judge Thompson, of Chillicothe, he pronounced sentence of death upon Jim Lane, convicted of murder, who was the first and only man hung in the county. He was a member of the ninth general assembly of Ohio, in the year 1810. He twice served as senator, first in 1828, and secondly in 1831. He was the first junior warden of the Morning Dawn lodge of Free Masons, No. 7, of Gallipolis. Much more might be related of this most interesting character in history. He was of the blood of the patriots of the Revolution. His ancestry and relatives num-

bered scores of heroes in the battles for liberty and independence. No contest in New England took place during that long and bloody war, without the presence of at least one of the name, and in many from one to ten were engaged. They ranked from privates to major-generals, and generally fought with the "Green Mountain Boys" of Vermont, as associates of Ethan Allen and Seth Warner, the heroes of Bennington and Ticonderoga. He had the intelligence, the courage, the endurance, and above all the spirit, which build up great states, and pull down despotisms and dynasties.

John Sanns, M. D., is a native of Gallipolis, where his birth took place August 1, 1826, his parents being John and Julia L. (Le Moyne) Sanns. The father was born in Holland in 1788, and emigrated to the United States about 1808. For a time he made his home in New York, but settled at Gallipolis in 1812, where his marriage was consummated. His wife was the daughter of Dr. LeMoyne, one of the early settlers of Gallipolis. He was a native of France, and was one of the French colony which founded and named the city of Gallipolis. The marriage of John and Julia L. Sanns gave issue to five sons and one daughter. The father was a baker by trade and followed mercantile pursuits, his death occurring in 1866. His son John, who is the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood in Gallipolis, and in 1846 was graduated from the Washington college in Pennsylvania. Immediately after leaving college he began the study of medicine under Dr. E. Naret, and in 1850 was graduated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. In the same year he located at Gallipolis, where he began the practice of his profession, which he has since continued. In 1851 Dr. Sanns was united in wedlock with Miss Viola M. Shepard, of Gallipolis, and the union resulted in the birth of seven children, of whom four survive, two sons and two daughters. Dr. Sanns is a member of the county medical society and is a Master Mason. At one time he served a four years' term as treasurer of Gallia county, and he was also a trustee of the Athens asylum for three years. In his official position, his social intercourse and his profession as a physician, the doctor enjoys deserved esteem and has well earned all the success he has achieved.

G. W. Shack is a son of John D. and Mary A. (McGhee) Shack. John D. was born in Pennsylvania about 1810 and emigrated to Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1831, but shortly afterward went to Gallia county. After a residence there of two years, he started to Louisville, Ky., but was never again heard of. In 1831, he married Mary A. McGhee, by whom he had two children: G. W. and Margaret. The mother was a daughter of James and Margaret McGhee, who were both natives of Ireland and she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James was born in that country July 4, 1783, emigrated to the United States when a boy, settled in Columbiana county, Ohio, and in 1832, moved to Gallia county, where he remained until his death in 1858. James McGhee and wife had the following children: Mary A., Margaret, Emeline, Catherine, Almira, Eliza, Jackson, James, Alexander and John. The father was a miller by trade, which he followed his entire life. His wife, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in Gallia, county in 1862. George W. Shack, the subject of this sketch, was born in Columbiana county in 1832 and in that same year was brought by his parents to Gallia county, where he has since made his home. In 1856 he was united in matrimony to Hannah, daughter of Jacob and Matilda Shively. The marriage resulted in the birth of the following children: George E., John D. and Virginia. The mother dying, Mr. Shack was, in 1861, married to Catherine, daughter of Kinsey and Hannah Robinson. There are no surviving children by this marriage, but three died in infancy. Mr. Shack is a miller by trade and has followed that business in Vinton, Ohio, for forty years. He also has a woolen factory and planing-mill in the same place which carry on a successful business. Between his various industries, Mr. Shack is kept very busy, and is well-known throughout Gallia county as one of its most industrious and enterprising citizens. Besides his other property he owns a good farm where he dispenses generous hospitality to his many friends. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in which he has been the Sunday school superintendent for a number of years.

Eli G. Shaner is a son of Henry and Margaret S. (Evans) Shaner, the father of Pennsylvania and the mother of Maryland birth. The parents of Henry Shaner came from Germany, and settled in Beaver county, Penn., where they reared a family, their children being David, Adam, Henry and Barbara. Their son, Henry, came to Marietta, Ohio, in an early day, lived there a number of years and then went to Portsmouth, where he married. His wife and two children dying, he went to Perry county, Ohio, and settled near Somerset, where he was again married to Miss Johnson, who bore him the following children: James, Rebecca, Mathias, Sophronia and Henry. The second wife died, and for a third time he married Mrs. Margaret (Selby) Evans, by whom he had the following children: Adam, Joshua, Harriet, Eli G. and Ruth E. In 1839 the father came to Gallia county, and settled in Morgan township near Vinton. There he resided until his death in June, 1841. His widow subsequently married John Iliff, of Perry county, where she died in 1880, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Eli G. Shaner, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in 1834 in Perry county, and in 1839 removed to Gallia county, where he remained until 1841.

Afterward he returned to his native county, but in 1852 went to Iowa, where he spent two years, when he came back to Ohio. In 1861, while visiting in the state of Missouri, he enlisted in the Fourth Missouri cavalry, United States army, with which he served until July, 1864, when he was discharged. He took part with his regiment in the following named battles: Pea Ridge, Ark., Prairie Grove, Cane Hill, Springfield, Lone Jack, Fayetteville, Marshall, and others. After he left the army Mr. Shaner returned to Gallia county, where he has since resided. In 1867 he was married to Martha E., daughter of John Atkinson, a native of Massachusetts. The marriage was productive of the following named children: Ida M. (deceased), Maggie A., Annie M. and Dora. He has held the following official positions: Trustee of Huntington four years; clerk of same for two years; justice of the peace for twelve years, and mayor of Vinton for six years. For the past six years he has been a member of the Soldiers' Relief commission. He is a Mason and member of Vinton lodge, No. 131, also of the G. A. R. He is a blacksmith by trade, but has retired from regular business on account of disability contracted in the army.

H. J. Shepard was born in Gallipolis in 1822, his parents being Calvin and Mahala (Oliver) Shepard, natives of Massachusetts. Calvin Shepard was born in 1782 and came to Gallia county in 1803, where he lived until his death in 1856, the death of his wife having occurred in 1833. Calvin first settled at Gallipolis, where he lived until 1832, when he purchased a farm at Fairhaven, which was afterward his home. His marriage to Mahala Oliver took place in 1801 in Marietta, Ohio, and their children were: Alexander O., John C., Mary G., Luther E., Calvin B., Sarah A., Jessie W., Henry J., Henrietta E. and Viola M. The father was captain of a company which did service in the war of 1812 under Gen. Tupper, of Gallipolis. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was one of the founders at Gallipolis. Henry J. Shepard remained with his father until he was thirty-three years of age. In 1855 he married Lizzie, daughter of John Bailey, and to this union were born the following children: Belle, Lizzie M. and Annie M. Mr. Shepard served as land appraiser in his township in 1880. During the war times he was a member of the militia and was called out at the time of Morgan's raid. The entire family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has spent his life in the occupation of farming. Enoch Shepard, the great grandfather of Henry J., was one of the first settlers of Boston. He emigrated to America with three brothers a great many years ago. Afterward he settled at Marietta, Ohio, where he lived until his death. One of the brothers went to New Jersey, another to Massachusetts and a

third was killed by a shark in Boston Harbor. The subject of this sketch owns a gun that was brought to this country by his ancestor and is over two hundred years old.

George Siders is a son of Henry and Catherine (Mothers-paugh) Siders, natives of Maryland. Henry was a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Wolf) Siders. The father of Frederick came from Germany and settled in Maryland during the last century. A brother of Frederick, named Solomon, was born on the ocean while the parents were coming to this country. Frederick Siders moved to Rockbridge county, Va., where he died about 1819. His children were George, Michael, Henry, John and two daughters. Henry Siders was born in 1787 in Maryland, and went with his parents to Rockbridge county when a boy. In 1828 he settled in Gallia county, where he resided until his death in 1859. In 1805 he married a Miss Hazlett, who bore him the following named children: Jacob, Martha and Andrew. His first wife dying, he was married in 1811 to Catherine Mothers-paugh, by whom he had the following children: George, David, Mary, Nancy, Jonathan, John, Joseph, Jonas, Philip and Henry. He was a farmer by occupation but taught school a number of years. His son, George Siders, was born in Rockbridge county, Va., in 1812, and when sixteen years of age came to Gallia county. In 1832 he married Nancy, daughter of John and Mary (Shoemaker) Wolfenbarger. Her grandparents were John and Catherine (Wolf) Wolfenbarger, and Paul and Catherine (James) Shoemaker. To this union were born Mary J. (Hicks), born February 7, 1834, resides in Leavenworth county, Kan.; Noah, born February 25, 1837, is a resident of Butler county, Kan.; Julia A., born October 8, 1839, died June 17, 1840; Davis, born June 1, 1841, died in Georgia in 1864; Kate (Guinn), born December 2, 1844, resides in Butler county, Kan. Noah and Davis Siders enlisted in the Seventh Ohio volunteer cavalry in the late civil conflict, and the former after receiving an honorable discharge returned home. In 1863, while serving as a Federal soldier, Davis Siders was taken prisoner and confined in Belle Island for four months. Afterward he was taken to Andersonvile, where he remained seven months, being removed from there to Savannah, where he died in 1864. George Siders has served as trustee of Springfield township and postmaster in Morgan township for about three years. Although a cooper by trade Mr. Siders' principal business has been farming in which he was met with much success.

Samuel Silverman is a native of Bavaria, Germany, where he was born June 12, 1826, his parents being Joseph and Jette (Sidenheim) Silverman. Their other children were Barbara, Loeb, Simon and Fanny. The father was a store keeper by occupation, but taught his sons different trades. Simon learned

cotton weaving and Samuel cloth weaving, while Loeb was taught merchandising with his father. The daughters and the other two sons came to America at different times, and all except Fanny are still living. Samuel, the immediate subject of this sketch, was given a common school education in Germany, and at the early age of thirteen left the parental home to begin the struggle of life for himself. He worked at his trade of cloth weaving until the age of eighteen, when he became a traveling salesman for a firm dealing in hops. In 1848 he came to the United States, landing at New York without money but with a hopeful disposition and a determination to succeed. He made his way to Cincinnati where he began business as a peddler of dry goods through the surrounding country. From this occupation he gradually became a regular merchant, in which business he embarked at Ironton, Ohio, in 1850. Seven years later he located at Pomeroy where he continued until the fall of 1877, when he removed to Gallipolis, where he has since remained. He has dealt in the business of a wholesale liquor merchant and has met with decided success. In 1852 Mr. Silverman was united in marriage with Caroline Luplin, a native of Bavaria who came to the United States with her parents when a child. This union resulted in the birth of the following named children: Joseph, Lizzie, Jennie, Barbara, William, Julius, Simon, Leon and Fanny. The family are clever and social and have a large list of good friends.

N. B. Sisson, M. D., is a son of Stephen and Matilda (Varian) Sisson. Stephen was a son of Wilson and Rebecca (Cobb) Sisson, natives of New York. The parents of Wilson were John and Olcha (Crandal) Sisson. John was born in Rhode Island and married in Rensselaer county, N. Y., and his children were John, Giles, Wilson, Aaron, Wright, Simeon, Benjamin, Amos, James, Elizabeth, Edith, Rebecca and Sarah. John Sisson was a farmer and his descendants still own and occupy the old homestead bought by him in 1780. Wilson Sisson, son of the above mentioned, was born in New York, and there married Rebecca Cobb in 1790. Their children were Sarah, Stephen, Lucinda, Olive, Rebecca and Wilson C. Stephen Sisson's birth took place in New York in 1795, and he became a resident of Gallia county, Ohio, in 1818, settling at Gallipolis. He lived in that county until his death, which occurred in 1883, May 30. His marriage took place September 12, 1819, to Matilda Varian, and unto them were born the following named children: Nelson B., Mary M. and Lucinda. The mother died in May, 1828, and Mr. Sisson's second wife was Mary Belwood, who departed this life July 8, 1836. The third marriage of Mr. Sisson was to Abigail Mills, who bore him the following children: Caroline, William H. H., Benjamin W., Sarah M. and Mary L. The father was a carpen-

ter by trade, but in his later years followed the occupation of farming. Matilda, first wife of Stephen Sisson, came with her father, David De Vore Varian, to Gallipolis, Ohio, from Canada, in 1807. The first class of the Methodist Episcopal church was composed of Calvin Shepard and wife, Chris. Randall and wife, John Knapp and wife, Stephen Sisson, Mary L. Varian and her daughters, Matilda and Abigail. Mary L. Varian was Dr. Sisson's grandmother. Nelson B. Sisson, M. D., was born July 17, 1820, in Gallia county, where he has ever since resided. October 30, 1846, he was married in Louisville, Ky., to Mary J. Cable, and to this union one child, Samuel S., was born. Dr. Sissons was a second time married in Porter, July 4, 1849, to Miss Lucevia, daughter of Zerah and Laura (Wells) Blakeley. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1826. Dr. Sisson and wife became the parents of the following named children: Mary J., Charles H., Carrie M. and Nelson E. August 14, 1862, Dr. Sisson was commissioned as assistant surgeon of the Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and resigned at Atlanta, Ga., in 1864, on account of sickness at home. In 1880 he was one of the electors who cast the vote of the state of Ohio for James A. Garfield in the presidential contest of that year. In 1846 Dr. Sisson took a medical course at the university at Louisville, Ky., where he was graduated in March of that year. From that time until 1870, he practiced his profession with brilliant success, but at the last mentioned date retired from active business. For about fifteen years he followed the business of merchandising in Porter, Ohio, and now lives on his farm near the last mentioned state. In the evening of life, the doctor is enjoying the society of his family and friends with the consciousness that he has performed all his duties faithfully and well.

J. M. Smith was born December 8, 1841, in Gallia county, his parents being Jackson T. and Mary (Dickey) Smith. The father was a son of William Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania of English parentage. He came to Gallia county in time long ago and settled near the village of Luper, where he led the life of a farmer. He married Mary Dickey, of Steubenville, and became the father of eight children of whom seven are living. J. M. Smith remained on his father's farm until he reached his majority. In August, 1861, he secured a clerkship with a firm of grocers at Gallipolis in which position he worked until 1874, when he began business on his own capital. He started in the grocery trade and has since continued in that line, now owning one of the most properous stores in Gallipolis. He has all the time been associated in business with his brother, F. M. Smith, who has charge of a branch store at Luper. They are both practical and shrewd business men. In 1873, Mr. J. M. Smith was united in marriage with Catherine McCafferty of Gallipolis,

and unto this marriage have been born three children, Vergie, Frank Mc. and Dot. Considering the fact that Mr. Smith started life without money or influence, he deserves much credit for the prosperity he has achieved. The members of the firm enjoy excellent business standing and are very popular socially.

G. W. Swisher was born November 10, 1831, on the farm in Gallia county, where his father was reared. His father was Peter Swisher, who married Sarah Manck, in 1830, and became the father of the following named children: George W., Mary, Joseph, Dorothy A., Peter W., Daniel, Edward, Hanette and Winfield S. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was George Swisher, who married Dorothy A. Roush, in the Shenandoah valley, and came to Gallia county many years ago. He was one of the pioneer settlers and was at Pt. Pleasant the next morning after the famous battle there in 1774. The party with which George Swisher was traveling camped that night on the banks of Campaign creek, and one of the number took sick and died shortly after their arrival. Tradition has it that after this man was buried, the Indians took him up and scalped him. Some time afterward the party returned to the spot and found their dead comrade on top of the ground. After coming to Gallia county, George Swisher purchased land a half mile west of where Cheshire now stands. On this farm he lived all the remainder of his days. His children were as follows: Solomon, Jacob, Susanna, Peter, Catherine, Lydia, Sarah, John and Ellis. George W. Swisher, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was married in Gallia county in 1850, to Samantha King, by whom he had the following children: Henry G., Curtis, Julia, Rinaldo, Clarissa and Wesley E. Mr. Swisher has spent his entire life in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture. He attends strictly to his own business, has been industrious, and as a result has enjoyed prosperity.

William Symmes is a son of Edward Symmes, a native of Virginia, who came to Meigs county, Ohio, many years ago, and located near Buffington's Island, where he lived for a long time. Subsequently he moved to Athens county, which was the scene of his death. While in Lewis county, Va., he married Mary Bush, and they became the parents of the following named children: John, Mary, Nelson, Matilda and William. His first wife dying, Edward Symmes married Catherine Barringer, and she also died, after which he married Mrs. Ann Symmes, but there were no children by the last two marriages. He and his first wife were members of the Methodist church, and his occupation was that of a farmer. His son, William Symmes, who is the subject of this sketch, was born in Jackson county, W. Va., April 14, 1817, and came to Gallia county in 1829, where he has since resided. He was one of the early pioneer settlers of Gallia,

and has lived to see many of the old timers pass away. Mr. Symmes' mother dying when he was an infant, he was reared by his aunt Elizabeth O'Brien. After fourteen years of age he lived with Gen. Holcomb, a prominent lawyer of Gallia county, with whom he remained until 1838, when he was married to Eliza Matthews, but no children were born to the union. Mr. Symmes has led an active and useful life during which he has held the following named positions: postmaster, justice of the peace, constable, township clerk and member of the state board of equalization in 1880–81. In early life he was a farmer, but afterward became a merchant at Vinton and Cheshire. He spent many years in merchandising, but retired from business in 1875 and is now enjoying the evening of life on a small farm near Cheshire. Mr. Symmes' educational advantages in early life were very limited, but by hard study and close reading he has made himself a well-informed man. Both socially and as a citizen he deserves and receives general esteem. He is now notary public, and having attained a fair legal knowledge and good business qualifications, makes himself very useful to his neighborhood in all manner of conveyances, etc.

Loman Trichler was born March 12, 1849, in Gallia county, where he has ever since resided. His father was Daniel Trichler, born in the Shenandoah valley on October 14th, 1802. When a boy four years of age he came to Gallia county with his parents, Philip and Barbara Trichler, in 1806. Daniel married Elizabeth Moneymaker, who was born in Rockbridge county, Va., in 1826, and to this union were born the following named offspring: Noah, Daniel, Loman, Mary, Barbara, Amanda, Julia and Philip. He was a successful farmer and accumulated a large body of land before his death, which occurred on October 20th, 1876. His wife joined him on the other shore on the 17th of August, 1881. Their son, Loman Trichler, remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age, at which time he commenced life for himself. In 1874 he was united in matrimony to Nellie R. Gardner, by whom he had the following children: Sylvia A., Gertha A. and Gladys O. Mr. Trichler is a member of the Farmers' alliance, which has become so conspicuous in recent years. He has always been a farmer by occupation, and is one of those quiet, industrious men whom everybody likes.

Frank Ulsamer was born February 27, 1848, in Distelhausen, Grand Dukedom of Baden. His parents were Valentine and Ottile (Brand) Ulsamer, both born and reared in Germany, of whom the following children lived to maturity: Frank, Antoinette and Frederick. The mother died July 26, 1863, and the father October 27, in the same year. Antoinette married Carl Metzen, and now lives in Leipsic. Frederick is in the commission business at Barcelona, Spain; Frank, who is the oldest of the living

children, and the subject of this sketch, was but fifteen years old when he lost his parents. He went to school for a while and then learned the saddler's trade, having spent three years as an apprentice at that business. Subsequently he worked for several years as a journeyman, traveling through various countries of the old world in that occupation. When twenty years old the laws required him to enter the German army, where he served a year and was then honorably released on a ten years' furlough. In May of 1870, he emigrated to the United States, and coming through Pennsylvania, to Milan, Erie county, Ohio, he visited his uncle, Martin Harter, and finally reached Cincinnati, where he worked at various callings, then conducted for five years a successful business at Frenchman's Corner. In 1881 he came to Gallipolis, where for several years he operated a saloon, and then purchased what is now the Hotel Ulsamer, of which he has since been manager. February 4, 1875, Mr. Ulsamer married Miss Wilhelmein Barbara Kapp, in Cincinnati, a native of Heumaden Wuertenberg, Germany, who came to this country with her parents when a child. The marriage resulted in the birth of two children: Nettie and Fritz. Mr. Ulsamer is a member of the Gallipolis board of trade, also of the gymnasium, and fraternally is associated with the I. O. O. F.

James Vanden is a native of Gallipolis, where he was born April 21, 1815. He is a son of Joseph and Mary (Randall) Vanden. Originally the name of this family was Vanden Benden, but the word Benden was dropped and the other name has been handed down to posterity. Joseph Vanden was a native of Amsterdam, his parents being Martinus and Joanna (Porter) Vanden, both Hollanders by birth. They emigrated to the United States of America about 1790, first locating in the upper Ohio valley below Pittsburg, and in 1792 they came to Gallipolis where they spent the remainder of their days. They became the parents of the following named offspring: Joseph, John and a daughter that died in early life. Joseph came to Gallipolis with his parents and there grew to manhood. His principal occupation was farming, but in later years he followed the wagon maker's trade, to which he also educated his sons. He married Mary Randall, of Maryland, who came to Gallia county, in an early day. Joseph had been a soldier in the war of 1812 and his marriage took place immediately after his return home. The names of his children are as follows: James, Joanna, Joseph (deceased), Harriet (deceased), Mary (deceased), Susan, John and Joseph. His oldest son James, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was born and reared in Gallipolis, where he received a liberal education in the Gallia academy. He learned the carriage maker's trade, which has been his life occupation in connection with hardware and the agricultural implement trade. In 1841 he

married Margaret Simmons of Trumbull county, Ohio. Their six children were named as follows: Charles F., Henry J., Sarah, Joseph, Alice C. and Anna. The mother died in 1858, and in 1860 Mr. Vanden wedded Esther Andrews of Portage county, by whom he has two children, Edward W. and George W. Mr. Vanden is a practical and successful business man and one of the kind that is a credit to any community. He started without capital but now enjoys prosperity which has been the result of his own industry and good judgment. During the whole course of his life he has been an especial friend of the cause of education for which he has done much during his occupancy of official positions connected with the public schools. Socially, his family stands among the best, and all who know them give them respect and esteem.

P. T. Wall, one of the well-known insurance agents of Gallipolis, is a native of Henry county, Va., where his birth took place March 20, 1853. His parents were Dr. C. D. and Elizabeth (Smith) Wall, the former a North Carolinian and the mother a native of Virginia. Dr. Wall was descended in a lateral line from the famous Revolutionary orator, Patrick Henry. He married in old Virginia and became the father of six sons and a daughter, the latter deceased. The parents came to Gallipolis in 1854, which continued to be their home until death. Dr. Wall was a physician by profession and practiced extensively, the hard work connected with his business being the immediate cause of his death, which occurred in 1881. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1878. Pinckney T. Wall, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood in Gallipolis, where he obtained a good high school education. He studied medicine under his father and assisted him in the practice for a time. Subsequently he became connected with the editorial staff of the Gallipolis *Journal*, and in 1882 embarked in the insurance business, which he has since continued. He is prominently connected with the business affairs of the city and takes much interest in her development and progress. He holds the position of secretary of the Gallipolis board of trade and Ohio valley fair. June 26, 1879, Mr. Wall was united in wedlock with Miss Clara V., daughter of Henry Beall, Esq., and the union has resulted in the birth of three children.

J. A. C. Watts was born July 28, 1839, in Greenbrier county, W. Va. His father was John Watts, whose parents were James and Mary (Perkins) Watts, natives of Maryland, who emigrated to Greenbrier county in the last century. James Watts was born in 1753, and died in Greenbrier county, November 30, 1810. He was the father of the following children: James, John, Salathiel, Rebecca, Jennie, Sallie, David, Mary and Nancy. His son, John Watts, was born in 1791 and came to Gallia county, Ohio,

in 1852, settling on the farm now owned by his son, John A. C. Watts. He lived there until his death which occurred February 20, 1879. John Watts was married in Gallia county in 1818 to Isabella Waddell, and their children were William W., Mary, James F., Ross F., Sarah J., David C., Martha E. and John A. The father and mother were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and a farmer by occupation. When thirteen years of age John A. C. Watts came to Gallia county, where he has ever since resided. In 1860, he was united in wedlock with Margaret A., daughter of James Donnally. To this union were born the following children: Annie D., Homer F., Clara D., Jennie V., Sallie M., Myrtie M. and Otho A. Mr. Watts has held the office of trustee of Springfield township, and is at present infirmary director of Gallia county. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a representative farmer of his county and has met with a fair share of success in his business.

Capt. Samuel Welker, one of the well-known and respected citizens of Vinton, Ohio, is a son of William and Elizabeth (Might) Welker. The parents of William were natives of Germany, who emigrated to America and became early settlers of Pennsylvania. The children were Solomon and Paul by the first marriage. The second wife, Margaret Grate, became the mother of the following children: William, George, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Hannah and Margaret. Andrew, the father of these children, came from Pennsylvania to Columbiana county, Ohio, of which section he was one of the pioneers, and there his death occurred. His son, William Welker, was born in Columbiana county, in 1796, and became a resident of Gallia county in 1842. Subsequently he removed to Meigs county, where he died October 1, 1861. About 1814, he was married in Columbiana, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John and Carrie (Stillwell) Might. John Might was a native of Germany, but an early settler of Pennsylvania, and served under Gen. Washington in the Revolutionary war. He was a tailor by trade, moved to Columbiana county and died there. William Welker and wife became the parents of the following named children: Silas, Andrew, Samuel, William, Hannah, Isaac, Might, Jacob, David and Elizabeth. The father served from the beginning to the close of the war of 1812, under Gen. Harrison. He and wife are members of the Christian church, and the latter died July 24, 1874, at the age of eighty-one. Their son, Capt. Samuel Welker, was born in 1819, in Columbiana county, Ohio, but came to Gallia county in 1842, where he has since made his home. In 1841 he was married to Rebecca, daughter of George and Phebe (Betts) Moore, the father of Irish and the mother of German birth. Capt. Welker and wife have the

following children: William H., Jennie, George D., David O., Mintie, Alice and Susie. The father enlisted in the United States service in 1864, as captain of Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until his discharge June 26, 1865. He took part inthe famous battle of Nashville. He had five brothers in the late war, none of whom were ever in the hospital, and all returned home. Isaac, William and Silas served about one year each, while Might and David went through the entire four years of the war. David had seven holes shot in his overcoat, and three horses killed under him during the last year of the war. Capt. Welker is highly esteemed in his community and has held the following official positions: Justice of the peace for three years; clerk, trustee, assessor and land appraiser of Morgan township; postmaster for four years at Vinton, under President Cleveland. The captain is a stone-cutter by trade, but farming has been the principal occupation of his life. He is a member of the farmers' alliance, and take much interest in the movements of that great organization.

Hiram Willcox is a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Coy) Willcox. The father of the last mentioned was Stephen Willcox, who was born and married in New York and became the father of Alfred, Vesta and Hiram. The father served in the war of 1812 and was in the battles of Ft. Erie and Lundy's Lane. He came to Gallia county, Ohio, about 1820, where he lived until his death in 1848, his wife preceding him to the grave in 1839. Hiram Willcox was born in New York in 1797, and in 1817 came to Gallia county, where his death took place in 1883. He married Thankful Wiles, who bore him the following children: William H., Eli, Clarissa and Vesta. His wife dying, he was married about 1824 to Elizabeth Coy, by whom he had the following children: Stephen, Camillia, Isaac, Hiram, Mary, Alfred, Cerenius A. and Louisa. Mr. Willcox served as justice of the peace in Morgan township for twenty-four years, and also as trustee and treasurer of the township. For one term he was commissioner of Gallia county, and held the position of colonel in the militia. By occupation he was a farmer, but was a close student and became well versed in the laws of his state. The death of his wife took place in 1881. Hiram Willcox, Jr., who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Gallia county, in 1831, and has ever since resided there. In 1854 he married Jane Miller, and their children were Elmira O., Milliard T., Hiram W., Louisa, Elizabeth, Wellington, Ruth, Ralph, Howard, Ewing, Maggie and Stewart. The father enlisted August 8, 1862, in Company B, Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and was discharged January 23, 1864. He fought with his command in a number of engagements in West Virginia. After the war he was appointed enrolling officer in the Eleventh Ohio district.

He does a brisk business as pension attorney at Vinton. Mr. Willcox is a well-informed man, having received a good education in the common schools and the Ohio Wesleyan university, where he attended two years. He belongs to the National Farmers' alliance and takes much interest in all matters concerning that order.

Henson Williams was born in Greenbrier county, W. Va., March 16, 1816. His father was Henson Williams, a native of Greenbrier county, W. Va., and was born about 1775. He was married to Sarah Westlake, by whom he had the following children: John, Elizabeth, Isabella, Jane, William, Henson and Morgan. The father was one of the early settlers of Greenbrier county, a farmer by occupation, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Henson Williams, Jr., became a resident of Gallia county in 1860. February 20, 1840, he married Mary Watts, who became the mother of the following namnd children: Sarah F., Martha I., Margaret M. C., Miriam M. R., John R., Ross A., Minnie J. and Salina I. The mother of these children died September 22, 1882. Mr. Williams has held the office of trustee of Springfield township for four years, and was assessor for one year. For a number of years he has been trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he held the position of steward for quite a while. He is a farmer by occupation, and the family are generally esteemed.

CABELL COUNTY.

J. Q. Adams, one of the Huntington merchants, is a native of Washington county, Ohio, his birth having taken place there May 3, 1848. His father, Elijah, married Matilda Broadhurst, and they settled near Marietta, Ohio, but afterward moved to Cabell county, W. Va., where they engaged in farming. In 1874 they located in the city of Huntington, where the father now conducts a milk dairy. The mother, who was so long his faithful companion, died in 1878. They reared a family of eight children, as enumerated below: John Q., W. H., Frank, Vesta, Alpheus, Kate, Russell and Fanny, wife of Wallace Jordan, of Boston, Mass. John Q. was reared near Marietta, Ohio, and educated in the public schools of that vicinity. Until 1876 he was engaged in farming, but at the date mentioned established his present grocery business in Huntington, where he enjoys an extensive retail trade. In 1878 Mr. Adams married Miss Emma, daughter of Vinson Lynn, of Cabell county, and the result of the union has been the birth of three children: Mary, Marion and Lizzie. Mrs. Adams is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The family have many friends in Huntington, and enjoy general esteem.

E. P. T. Moore

Charles Page Thomas Moore was born in Lewisburg, W. Va., then Virginia, on February 8, 1831. His paternal grandfather was Joseph Moore, who wedded Mary Ellen Morgan, sister of Gen. Daniel Morgan, of Virginia, and became the father of Nancy, Morgan, Thomas, George and Morris. Thomas Moore was born in Shenandoah county, Va., and married Augusta Delphia Page, a native of Augusta county, Va., and unto them were born Vincent, Mary E. and Charles Page Thomas. Thomas died in 1832. The mother, after a second marriage, departed this life at Lewisburg, in 1844. Vincent, the oldest of the children, now resides in Kentucky. The sister and subject of this sketch were adopted by their uncle, George Moore, and his wife. Charles P. T. Moore received his early education in a local school and at the age of sixteen he was placed in Marshall academy, of Huntington, W. Va. Subsequently at the home of Hon. John I. Van Meter, in Pike county, Ohio, he received a three years' course of instruction under private tutors, later attended Jefferson college, Penn., and in 1853, graduated at Union college of New York under Dr. Eliphalet Nott, a Presbyterian divine. In the fall of 1853 he entered the Virginia State university, where he began the study of law, completing the course in 1856. In that year he was admitted to the bar, located at Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., and began his career in the legal profession. In 1860 he was elected commonwealth's attorney for Mason county, which position he held until the outbreak of the civil war. After the close of the war, he continued the practice of his profession up to 1870, when as a democrat, he was elected to the supreme bench of West Virginia, for a term of twelve years. In 1872 the change of the state constitution legislated him, with other state officials, out of office, but in the election of that year was endorsed by the other political parties and chosen without opposition. The new state constitution provided that the length of term which should fall to each of the newly elected judges should be decided by lot. The subject of our sketch voluntarily took the last draw, but as fortune would have it, it gave him the long term, which was twelve years. His service as member of the supreme court lasted from January, 1870, to June, 1881, when, on account of ill health, he resigned and retired to private life. He located on his present farm, the former homestead of his uncle and foster father, which the latter by will bequeathed to him. In 1865 he was united in marriage with Urilla Kate Kline, in Columbus, Ohio, the result of the marriage being a family of four daughters, all of whom are still living. Fraternally, Judge Moore is a member of the Masonic order, and has advanced beyond the thirty-second degree. In addition to this, he enjoys the distinction of being the only living founder of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

H. M. Adams, the subject of this sketch, is a native of the Muskingum valley, having been born at Marietta, Ohio, in 1840. He is a direct descendant of the famous Adams family of Massachusetts, and also of Gen. Tupper, renowned in the olden time as an Indian fighter, his paternal grandfather being a cousin of John Quincy Adams, and his grandmother, Luvica Tupper, being a niece of Gen. Tupper. Mr. Adams received his education at Marietta college, from which institution he was graduated in 1866. In the winter of 1863 he left college to enter the army, remaining therein until the close of the war and being wounded at Petersburg, Va., in the fall of 1864. He returned to college in 1865, where he was graduated in 1866, after receiving a good classical education. Several years afterward his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. At the request of a pious sister Mr. Adams studied theology at Lane seminary in Cincinnati, but being without funds and too proud-spirited to accept aid from the church, he left the seminary in 1867 and commenced teaching, soon drifting to Ironton, Ohio, where he was engaged in the public schools for several years. In 1873 Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss J. S., only daughter of J. M. Ferguson, of Ironton, and soon after this event he embarked in the newspaper business. He removed to Huntington, W. Va., in 1878, where he has since resided as one of its most honored and respected citizens, as is indicated by the number of prominent positions which he has occupied. In the fall of 1889 he was appointed postmaster by President Harrison, which position he now occupiesand the duties of which he is discharging to the satisfaction of all concerned.

M. L. Akers is a native of New Albany, Ind., his birth dating from September 10, 1867. His father was Reason L. Akers, who was born in Floyd county, Ind., in 1842. He was a capitalist and built the cement mills at Belknap, Black Diamond, the Ohio Valley and Silver Creek. He had charge of the mills at the above named places after their construction and was the inventor of most of the machinery used therein. He was married in 1865 to Louisa, daughter of Capt. Abraham Miller, whose father, Capt. John Miller, was one of the pioneers of Indiana, and the first circuit judge at Utica, Ind. Reason Akers and wife became the parents of the following-named children: M. L., Owen M., Charles L. and Minnie. The father of these children died in 1882. M. L. Akers was educated in the common schools and by private instructors. In 1882 he was made station agent and operator of the J., M. & I. R. R., at Cementville, Ind., where he remained until 1883, when he was transferred to New Albany. Later, he was appointed chief clerk in the railroad freight office at Jeffersonville, where he remained until 1884, when he was transferred to the superintendent's office at Louisville, Ky. He

acted as secretary to the superintendent until May, 1889, when he resigned to take the position as secretary to the general manager of the C. & O. road in Cincinnati. In March, 1890, he was promoted to the position as chief clerk of the C. & O. lines, west of Clifton Forge, Va., with headquarters at Huntington. During his railroad career Mr. Akers has proved himself to be skillful, reliable and industrious, and as a consequence, he enjoys the full confidence of his employers, as also the esteem of his acquaintances.

L. J. Ashworth was born in Putnam county, W. Va., November 7, 1851, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Beckett) Ashworth. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1859, but the mother still survives an honored resident of Putnam county. Their family consisted of two children, Marion, of Lincoln county, and L. J., who is the subject of this sketch. The latter was reared to manhood in Putnam county, where he received a good education, and afterward taught school for six years. At the expiration of this time he engaged in business at St. Albans, and afterward at Winfield. In 1888 he came to Huntington and established his present mercantile business. Since his arrival in Huntington he has been prominently connected with the industrial progress of the city. He is a member of the board of trade, has served as secretary of the board of education in Putnam county, and in 1890 was elected to the city council in Huntington. He belongs to Huntington lodge, No. 33, K. of P. Mr. Ashworth was married in St. Albans in 1883, to Miss Fanny, daughter of William Middleton, of Winfield, by whom he has three children: Pearl, Ethel and Hattie. He and wife are members of the Huntington Baptist church, in which they act as Sunday school teachers.

John Morgan Beale, the subject of this sketch was born at Apple Grove, Mason county, W. Va., June 28, 1865, being the son of William and Lavina A. (Moore) Beale. The father and mother of the last mentioned were natives of the Shenandoah valley, and among the early settlers of Mason county, where they engaged in farming. William Beale was born in Charlston, W. Va., and received a good education. After his marriage he engaged in farming and merchandising at Mercer's Bottom, W. Va., for a number of years. Politically, he was a democrat, owned slaves, denounced secession as wrong and injurious to the best interests of the government. He and wife were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, at Mercer's Bottom, where they built a church naming it Lavina chapel, in honor of his wife, Mrs. Beale acting as steward for many years. His death occurred in 1872, but his wife still survives. Mr. Beale was one of the few truly great and noble men and has left behind him a name and reputation worthy the imitation of all

mankind. They reared a family of seven children of whom the five following are still living: Mrs. M. P. Herard, of Elgin, Kan.; Charles M., of Guyandotte; Mrs. Fannie B. Reynolds, of New Orleans; J. M. and Robert W., Oklahoma, Indian territory. J. M. Beale was reared and educated in Mason county, W. Va., he also attended school at Proctorville, Ohio, receiving a liberal education in the higher branches. After leaving school he taught for one year, afterward engaging as clerk in the mercantile business, the alacrity with which he performed his duties, his intregrity and rare business talents, together with reverence for the good and abborrence of the bad made him invaluable to his employers. In 1884, he came to Guyandotte where for two years he had charge of a store. In 1886 he established his present general store and does a large wholesale and retail business. He takes an active part in the affairs of the town and was elected a member of the town council in 1889, securing the largest number of votes cast for any candidate. He is a charter member of the Building and Loan association of the town, and has more friends and is known by more people than any other man in his community. He is past master of the Western Star lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M. of his place, having entered that noble institution at the early age of twenty-one. October 7, 1890, he and Maggie, the accomplished daughter of Dr. A. B. McGinnis, were married. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and highly respected by their acquaintances. His motto and advice to the young man is: "Let not thy mouth utter, nor put thy hand to anything that will not benefit thee either morally, spiritually, physically or financially."

A. J. Beardsley, M. D., a well known physician of Huntington, was born in St. Joseph, Mo., June 30, 1844, his parents being H. J. and Harriet (Jackson) Beardsley. The father was a native of Massachusetts, while the mother was of Connecticut birth, and they emigrated to Missouri where they engaged in farming and stock-raising. In the year 1844 they returned from Missouri and settled at Gallipolis where they resumed farming and where the mother departed this life. Their son, A. J. Beardsley, received his education at Gallipolis, and when sixteen years old entered the Federal army as member of Company I, One Hundred and Forty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served a hundred days. At the expiration of that time he joined Company G, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war, during the time being promoted from orderly sergeant to second lieutenant of Company G. He participated in several engagements, and was with his regiment in the Shenandoah valley at the time of Lee's surrender. After the close of the war he returned to Gallipolis and finished his education. He then

taught school for a short period, meantime studying medicine under Dr. Barbee, of Pt. Pleasant. In 1870 he was graduated from the Bellevue hospital in New York. At first Dr. Beardsley began practice at Barboursville, from which place he came to Huntington, where he ranks as one of the oldest and most skillful physicians of the city. For several years he has served as president of the board of United States pension examiners. He holds membership in the Ohio Valley Medical society, and belongs also to the Masonic fraternity and Bailey post, No. 4, G. A. R. In 1881 Dr. Beardsley was united in wedlock with Miss Lucy C., daughter of William Biggs, Sr., of Greenup county, Ky., by whom he has two children, Lola H. and Willie O. Mrs. Beardsley, who is a lady of many sterling traits of character, is a communicant of the Presbyterian church. The family enjoys the best of social standing and general esteem.

J. N. Blackwood was born in Warren county, Va., May 27, 1832. His father was William A. Blackwood, born in 1801, who followed the occupation of farming all his life in Warren county, until about two years before his death, when he came to Cabell county, W. Va., where he lived with his son, Joseph. As senior member of the county court he succeeded to the office of high sheriff in Warren county. In 1827 he married Catherine McClary, and they had six children: Mary (deceased), Joseph N., Sarah (deceased), Lovary (deceased), Robert W. and James H. The father died in 1856, and the mother in 1853. Joseph N. Blackwood, after receiving the usual education, commenced work at the stone mason's trade as soon as he was of age. His first labor was on the Manassas Gap railroad in Fauquier county, which occupied him for two years. At the expiration of that time he came to Cabell county, and worked at his trade on the C. & O. railroad in the years 1853 and 1854. In 1855 he went on a farm in Cabell county, remained there until 1868, and then bought a farm in Grant district, where he has ever since resided. In 1872 he was elected magistrate in Grant district, but resigned soon after. Subsequently he served two terms as constable in Grant district. In 1888 he was appointed deputy sheriff under E. Kyles, which office he was holding at the time of this writing. April 3, 1855, Mr. Blackwood married Miss Adeline, daughter of Jacob Harshburger, of Milton, W. Va., and they became the parents of six children: Charles W., James H., Joel L., Robert E., Mamie and Adeline (deceased). The mother of these children died March 10, 1868, and in November, 1886, the father married Mary, daughter of David Harshburger, and three children were born to this union: Coral P., Grover C. and David. Mr. Blackwood belongs to Lebanon lodge, F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the southern Methodist Episcopal church.

W. H. Bowles, M. D., is a native of Nelson county, Va., where his birth took place March 13, 1839. His father was Nathaniel J. Bowles, a native of Nelson county, and a man of prominence in his day. He married a daughter of Samuel Gay, a native of Rockingham county, who moved to Nelson county, where he lived until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel J. Bowles reared a family of eleven children, of whom eight survive: Charles J., Samuel G., W. H., O. N., Walter M., B. E., W. S. and Arabella, wife of W. H. Roberts. Dr. W. H. Bowles received his education from the public schools and at the university of Virginia. In 1861 he joined Company G, Nineteenth Virginia regiment, with which he served until the close of the war. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg which disabled him from further active duty. He was taken prisoner at Gettysburg and confined at Point Lookout. After the termination of hostilities, he studied medicine under Drs. Loving and Powell, of Nelson county, and was graduated at the medical college of Virginia in 1870. While reading with Dr. Loving, he began practice. In 1876 he came to Milton, and is the oldest physician in the town, where he enjoys an extensive patronage. The doctor is a member of Lebanon lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M.; also of Camp Garnett and Huntington. In 1871 Dr. Bowles took for his wife Miss Emma A., daughter of Dr. John and Lucretia Seashols, by whom he has two children: Creath and Wykel. Mrs. Bowles is a member of the Baptist church and a lady of many excellent traits of character. Walter M. Bowles, a brother of the doctor, was born in Nelson county, Va., January 6, 1845. After receiving the ordinary common school education, he learned the mercantile business. In 1875 he came to Milton and established his present business. In 1863 he joined the Confederate army as member of an artillery company, and served until the close of the war. He was wounded at Petersburg in 1864, and confined in the hospital. February 5, 1872, he married Miss Hattie Wilkinson, of Kanawha county, by whom he has two children: Lewis B. and Sallie G. He and family are members of the Baptist church, in which he is deacon and clerk.

Garland Buffington was born July 19, 1865, in what is now Huntington, W. Va., his father being Peter C. Buffington. The latter was born in Cabell county, September 22, 1814, received a good education in the schools of his native county and at the Ohio university in Athens, and when twenty-three years old was made deputy sheriff of Cabell county, under his father, Colonel William Buffington. He served in this capacity for two years, and was very shortly afterward elected member of the house of delegates from Cabell county, serving one term. He was the first mayor of Huntington, being elected in 1871. In 1872 he and others organized the bank of Huntington, of which he was

elected president, and served as such until his death in 1875. Peter Buffington was twice married, first time to Eliza (Stanard) Nicholas, of Richmond, Va., the ceremony being performed August 8, 1841. By this marriage there were three children: Willie A., widow of D. P. Tenant; Eugenia (deceased), and Dr. Edward S. Buffington. The first wife died December 16, 1862, and in 1864 Peter Buffington wedded Louise Garland, by whom he had three children, as follows: Garland, Peter C. and Juliet. The father died April 18, 1875. Garland Buffington, the immediate subject of this sketch, attended school at Marshall college, and also Randolph college, in Ashland, Ky., being graduated in 1886 from the college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. After his return home he engaged in the drug business for a while, and then went into the shoe business, which is his present occupation. His marriage took place November 3, 1887, to Miss Margaret, daughter of Ambrose Gaines, of Knoxville, Tenn. Fraternally Mr. Buffington is a member of Castle Hall lodge, K. P. He was elected member of the city council in 1886, and served one term. He is a gentleman of genial disposition, and quite popular in the community.

Capt. Thomas J. Burke.—Among the representative and distinguished citizens of Huntington, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in Augusta county, Va., March 23, 1833. His father, Thomas Burke, was a native of Rappanhanock county, Va., but married Miss Mary Stark of Page county, Va., and in 1828 settled in the county of Augusta. He taught school for a while and afterward purchased a farm on which he lived until his death. He was a prominent democrat and very generally esteemed in the community. Thomas Burke and wife lived together over fifty-four years, she being a devoted member of the Baptist church. His death occurred February 14, 1882, and his wife departed this life in 1881. Their living children are: W. A., formerly postmaster at Staunton, Va.; R. W., manager of the valley bank at Staunton, Va.; E. B., Thomas J., Eliza A., wife of Dr. C. T. Lewis, of Clifton Forge, Va., and Mary M., a married daughter, Mrs. Miller, having preceded them to the grave. Thomas J. Burke, the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm and educated in the subscription schools of that period. Like so many other men of distinction, his first serious occupation in life was school teaching. After reaching his majority, he purchased the accounts of the *Staunton Vindicator* and spent two years in collecting the same. From 1857 until 1859 he was engaged in the livery business at Staunton, Va. At the date last mentioned, his father purchased a stage line and mail route from Lewisburg to Charleston, and he took charge of the same until 1861, with headquarters in Fayette county. He was a member of the West Augusta state guards, and in 1859 was ordered to

join his company which proceeded to Harper's Ferry and were retained there as a guard until after the hanging of John Brown. At the breaking out of the civil war his company was attached to the Fifth Virginia regiment, one of the number which constituted the famous "Stonewall brigade" of the Confederate army. At first, second lieutenant, he was in April, 1862, elected captain of his company, in which capacity he served through the great campaign of the valley made by Gen. Jackson in the memorable spring and summer of 1862. At the termination of that campaign, Gen. Jackson's army moved rapidly to eastern Virginia and took an important part in the attack upon the Federal army under Gen. McClellan. In the battle of Gaines' Mill, Capt. Burke was wounded in the thigh, which disabled him from military duty on foot. He volunteered his services and was appointed a staff officer by Col. Harman, who commanded a regiment of reserves from Augusta county and was at the battle of New Market. When Gen. Hunter's army came up the valley of Virginia, Capt. Burke again volunteered his services and was appointed by Col. Harper, adjutant of the regiment, in which capacity he served at the battle of Piedmont where the Confederate forces were defeated and Gen. Jones was killed. After the war, Capt. Burke engaged in the mercantile business at Burke's Mills, in Augusta county, and remained there until 1871 when he came to Huntington. In 1874 he was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of mayor of Huntington. In the next year he was renominated for the same office and defeated his old opponent by an increased majority. He was again nominated for the third time but declined to make the race, but one year later, in 1877 he was nominated by the democrats and elected without opposition. In 1879 he was appointed to a position in the United States senate which he held for five years. In 1884 Capt. Burke returned to Huntington and was elected member of the city by a vote indicating general popularity. He has been quite active and influential in politics and during three national contests was president of the democratic campaign clubs, also serving for a while as chairman of the county committee. The captain is one of the pioneer citizens of Huntington where he erected one of the finest business houses of the town and has ever since been identified with the improvements and industrial progress of the place. He has always been ready to befriend any enterprise which promised to advance the welfare of the community. Capt. Burke was a charter member of the Irving club and also of Huntington lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., besides which he is lieutenant colonel commander in Camp Garnett, an organization of ex-Confederates. He is a liberal contributor to the city press, for which he has written many interesting reminiscences of the civil war.

L. H. Burks was born in Cabell county, May 26, 1840, in sight of the place where he now resides. His father was Bluford B. Burks, born in Amherst in 1811 and who came to Cabell county with his parents when a young man. He held the position of pilot on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, and is thought to have taken the first salt boat out of the last mentioned stream. He followed steamboating for about forty years and then retired on his farm, his death occurring at Guyandotte in 1881. In 1839 he married Martha W. Clark of Kanawha county, and these were their children: Lewis H., Charles W., Bluford B., Martha E., Emma A., George E., Phebe E., Cassie (deceased) and Minnie E. The mother of these children died in 1874. Lewis H. Burks, the subject of this sketch, was a student at Marshall college until his eighteenth year, when he left to learn the business of piloting on the Missouri river. He remained there about one year when he returned to Cabell county and engaged in farming for two years. This brought him to the period of the Civil war, and catching the prevailing fever, he joined the army in 1862, becoming a member of Company D, Eighth Virginia cavalry (Confederate). He served until the termination of hostilities participating with his regiment in the battles of Dry Creek and Greenbrier in West Virginia, but most of his time was spent in the quartermaster's department and on detailed duty. After the surrender, he embarked in the mercantile business at Beach fork in Wayne county, where he remained for fourteen months. Returning to Cabell county, he was engaged there for five years in buying and selling grain and tobacco, and for the next three or four years, he put in his time farming and subsequently embarked in the timber business which he has since carried on very extensively. He is a director of the First National bank and a stockholder in the Huntington Ice & Storage Co. November 19th, 1867, Mr. Burks was married to Helen, daughter of John Laidley of Cabell county. Mr. Laidley was prosecuting attorney for Wayne and Cabell counties a number of years and died highly respected, April 12, 1863. The children born to the marriage of Mr. Burks and wife were: Ida L., Lulu B., Henry A. (deceased), Mary C., Theodore S. (deceased) and Helen L.

J. L. Caldwell, a distinguished banker and buisness man of Huntington, is a native of Wood county, Va. (now Wirt county, W. Va.), where he was born May 20, 1846. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, his grandmother on the paternal side being a Scotch woman and the grandfather an Irishman. On his father's side, his great-grandfather was an adopted son of King George the Third, and a Tory during the Revolutionary war. He married in Philadelphia, and traveled in a Quaker's garb to the camp of the Tories in South Corolina. His father, John Turner Caldwell, was born at Steubenville, Ohio, May 13, 1813, and his wife's birth-

place was in Meigs county, Ohio, December 20, 1820. They were married May 28, 1837, and became the parents of the following named children: William B., Alfred B., George H., James L. and Charles T. The mother died December 26, 1863, and afterward the father married a second wife, to whom one son, Frederick C., was born. The father died at Parkersburg, W. Va., February 23, 1888. The children are all living except Alfred B., who died in Meigs county, Ohio, December 15, 1885. At the early age of sixteen James L. Caldwell enlisted in Company F, Sixtieth Ohio volunteer infantry, United States army, and served with Gen. Grant in his march from the battle of the Wilderness in 1864, to the surrender of Lee, at Appomatox. After the war he engaged in mercantile pursuits, meeting with success and steadily accumulating. May 8, 1871, he was married in Kanawha county, by Rev. J. C. Barr, the Presbyterian minister, to Miss Mary O. B., daughter of Nicholas Smith, of Louisville, Ky. Mr. Caldwell and wife moved to Cabell county, where he resided for nineteen years. They became the parents of the following named children: Ida, Ouida, Louis, Beulah, Dabney, George, James, Jr., and Craig. Two of the children, Beulah and Louis, are dead. The parents of Mrs. Caldwell were Kentuckians, and her grandparents from Virginia, she being a grand-niece of the famous "Stonewall" Jackson. Mr. Caldwell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he is probably the wealthiest man in his portion of the state, and is president of the First National bank of Huntington; also of the Electric Light and Street Railway companies, secretary and treasurer of the H. & B. S. Railroad company, some of which are among the largest financial institutions in the state. Mr. Caldwell is an active, energetic and progressive business man, ever ready with counsel and wealth to encourage any legitimate enterprise, and he has done much to build up the city of his residence.

Frank Diehl, one of the active young merchants of Huntington, was born at Union Ridge, in Cabell county, April 6, 1866, and is a son of Lewis and Rosa Diehl. The parents are natives of Germany, who, after emigrating to this country first settled near Pittsburg, where they engaged in farming. From there they went to Iowa and thence to Cabell county, where they purchased a farm at Union Ridge, and remained upon the same nearly twenty years. In 1880 they moved to Huntington, where the father engaged in the grocery and liquor business, which he continued up to 1887. In that year he sold his business to his two sons, Frank and Robert, after which he retired from active life. Their family consists of the following named children: Kate, wife of Christian Wetzgall, of Plain City, Ohio; Lewis, Albert, Robert, Louisa B., wife of James Brammer; Lydia, who died in September, 1890; and Frank. The latter was educated

in the schools of Huntington, after which he entered his father's store as clerk. In 1887 he and his brother Robert purchased the business established by their father, and conducted the same until 1889, when Frank purchased the entire business. In 1888 Mr. Diehl took for his wife Miss Georgie, daughter of L. H. Wood, of Huntington, and the union resulted in the birth of one child, christened Lois Lyman. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl are members of the Presbyterian church, and he belongs to the order of Red Men.

Robert Diehl was born at Union Ridge, Cabell county, May 25, 1860, his parents being Lewis and Rosa Diehl, sketches of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume. Robert was educated in the Huntington schools, and afterward learned the trade of a coach builder, which he followed for six years. In 1889, he engaged in the grocery business with his brother Frank, but two years later disposed of his interest to the other partner, and embarked in the liquor trade. May 25, 1886, he married Miss Mary J., daughter of John Gebiert, of Union Ridge, by whom he has two children: Harry and Carl. Mr. Diehl is a member of the Huntington lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., and is a republican in politics.

Frank L. Doolittle was born at Wausau, Wis., in 1856. His father, Lamberton Doolittle, was born in Wyoming county, N. Y., in 1831. He was married in that state in 1853 to Chloe A., daughter of James Sturtevant, and they had six children as follows: Edward, Frank L., James L. (deceased), Anna L., May and Willie (deceased). Shortly after his marriage the elder Doolittle moved to Wisconsin where he engaged in merchandising and the timber business on the Wisconsin river, which he continued until the beginning of the war. He then went back to Wyoming county where he enlisted in the Ninth New York regiment of cavalry. He was made quartermaster of the regiment, and served as such until his discharge at the conclusion of hostilities. In 1874 he was made deputy revenue collector under I. H. Duval, and was ambushed in Summers county by illicit distillers in 1875. He was badly wounded in the encounter, being shot in the arm and leg. This accident confined him to his room for a year, at the expiration of which time he was given a position in the revenue department at Washington, which he still holds. His son Frank received his early education at Prattsburg academy in Steuben county, N. Y., where he removed with his parents when a child. He remained in New York until 1872, when he came to Huntington, W. Va., where he went into the grocery business with his father, who was the first grocer in the city. Frank remained in the store for nine years when he pluckily struck out for himself as messenger boy in the superintendent's office of the C. & O. R. R., at Huntington. While in the

office he learned telegraphy under train dispatcher Dowell, subsequently acting as operator and relief agent on the line of the C. & O., being stationed at various points for several years. At Scott's Depot in Putnam county, he was postmaster as well as agent for six years. In 1887 he resigned with the C. & O., and went into the lumber business on an extensive scale. In company with two other gentlemen he bought a thousand acre tract of the Virginia forests in Grant district, built saw-mills and five miles of tramway, employed fifty men and commenced to supply Huntington as well as other parts of the world with first-class lumber. Frank, also, October 7, 1890, became interested as stockholder in the Huntington Belt Line Street railway of Huntington, W. Va., and was chosen as secretary and treasurer of that corporation upon its organization. Mr. Doolittle made the race for clerk of Cabell county in 1890, on the republican ticket. He is a charter member of Huntington lodge, Order of Railway Telegraphers. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma J., daughter of Anderson Bergess, of Putnam county, W. Va., and the result of the union has been the birth of three children: Clyde A., Edna L. and Frank G. One who knows him well sums up his social qualities as follows: "Frank Doolittle is withal, a hail fellow, well met. He is full of the genuine charity which finds a way for his fellow men to keep body and soul together."

W. P. Donahoe, a well-to-do merchant at Barboursville, is a native of Floyd county, Ky., where his birth occurred October 30, 1843. His parents were James H. and Nancy (Hobbs) Donahoe, both natives of the old dominion, who, in 1853, moved to Twelve Pole Creek, where they took up a tract of land and lived upon the same until 1880. In the last year mentioned they removed to Cabell county, which has since been the place of their residence. The father is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and has had charges in Kentucky and Russell county, Va. W. P. Donahoe served as magistrate for eight years in the county of Cabell. When ten years old W. P. Donahoe was taken to Wayne county, Va., where he received his early education in the public schools. In 1861 he joined the Confederate army, uniting with Company H, Sixteenth Virginia cavalry, in which he held the position of second lieutenant. He served with gallantry and undoubted courage until the close of the war, being wounded at the battles of Winchester, Brandy Station and Charlestown. He took part with his regiment in a number of noted battles, and commanded a company at the famous battle of Gettysburg. After the close of hostilities, he settled in Cabell county, and engaged in the business of farming and stock dealing. In April, 1890, he established a general mercantile business at Barboursville. Mr. Donahoe was first married in 1864 to Miss Lucinda, daughter of John Caylor, of Russell

county, Va. She died in 1881, leaving five children, as follows: Rev. S. A., of the Methodist Episcopal church, south; J. C., Alice, Ellen and Elijah. In 1882 Mr. Donahoe's second marriage was consummated with Miss Cordelia, daughter of Daniel Bias, of Cabell county, by whom he has two children, christened Wade Hampton (deceased), and Rosa Maud. Mrs. Donahoe, who is an estimable lady in every respect, is a member of the Baptist church. Her husband, with S. A. and J. C. Donahoe, belongs to the Minerva lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of Camp Garnett of Huntington. He is well known throughout the section in which he lives, and has hosts of friends.

James R. Dudley was born in Pulaski county, Va., November 5, 1857. His father, William R. Dudley, came to Charleston, W. Va., about 1860, and has resided there ever since, his occupation being that of a blacksmith, wagon and carriage maker. He was born in Virginia in 1840, and was married in 1855 to Susan Truslow, the union resulting in the birth of the following named children: Laura E., wife of W. L. Moore; James R., John W., William O., Charles A. and Fanny J., wife of I. J. Cundiff. The mother of these children died October 1, 1889. James R. Dudley received his early education in the public schools of Charleston. From his thirteenth to his eighteenth year he was clerk in a grocery store in that city, after which he was engaged in the business for himself a few months. In 1879 he concluded to learn the printer's trade, and for that purpose entered one of the publication offices at Charleston. He left there in 1880 and went to Gallipolis, Ohio, where he clerked in a book store for a year, and in August, 1882, came to Huntington, W. Va. After his arrival, he acted as local editor of the *Huntington Republican* for about four years. Concluding to branch out for himself, he went to Guyandotte where he commenced the publication of the *Times*, the first paper ever issued in the town. The place was too small for such an enterprise and the *Times* was discontinued after a few months, after which Mr. Dudley returned to Huntington. January 10, 1887, he began the publication of the *Evening Times*, which was changed to a morning paper in October, 1890, which was a success beyond his most sanguine hopes. Its politics is independent with republican leanings. July 2, 1884, Mr. Dudley was united in wedlock to Miss Sarah F., daughter of John J. Dailey, of Lawrence county, Ohio.

E. F. Douthit, harness manufacturer in Huntington, was born in Cabell county, January 26, 1849, his parents being William and C. (Arthur) Douthit, natives of Virginia, who settled in Cabell county about 1835. The father engaged in the mercantile business at Guyandotte, which he continued for many years. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died in 1874, his wife still surviving. Lewis Ar-

thur, the father of Mrs. Douthit, was a native of Campbell county, and served as a soldier in the war of 1812, after which he moved to Cabell county and engaged in farming near Guyandotte. William Douthit and wife reared a family of nine children, of whom six are still living: William, J. L., E. F., Richard, Columbia, wife of H. C. Leckey, and Clara. E. F. Douthit was reared to manhood in Guyandotte, and received his education in the public schools of Ohio where the family resided during the excitement of the war. After leaving school he returned to Guyandotte and engaged in general mercantile business for over two years. He learned the harness maker's trade, and in 1880 came to Huntington where he established his present business which has grown to the largest of the kind in the city. In 1874 Mr. Douthit was united in matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Burks, of Guyandotte, and the union resulted in the birth of one child, Claude. Mrs. Douthit is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the family is very generally esteemed.

D. W. Emmons is a native of Oneonta, Otsego county, N. Y., and dates his birth from December 17, 1828. His parents were Carlton and Maria (Fairchild) Emmons. The father was born in 1806, and was a son of Asa Emmons, a native of Connecticut, where he was born in 1773, and died about 1824. He was largely engaged in the lumber business, and owned several woolen mills and saw-mills in New York, where he went when a young man. He was prominently connected with New York politics, and served as major of the state militia. He married Eunice Prentice about 1804, and they had five children, of whom Carlton Emmons was the second in order of birth. The latter was born in 1806 in Otsego county. He spent his life on a farm, and died in possession of a 600-acre tract now owned by the subject of this sketch, and which homestead furnished he has preserved just as his parents left it at their deaths, hiring all work done. Carlton Emmons and Marie Fairchild were married in 1827, and their children were: Delos W. and Roxy A., widow of J. T. Alden, of Little Falls, N. Y. He acted as town supervisor of Oneonta, N. Y., for a number of years, and was recognized as a worthy and patriotic citizen. His death occurred in 1880, and was very generally lamented. The papers of that region published glowing eulogies of the departed. His wife died in 1875, at the age of sixty-seven. Delos W. Emmons left college when about nineteen years old, and lived on his father's farm until about the age of twenty-two, when he went into the mercantile business at Aldenville, Pa., which he continued for four years. Subsequently he went to Herkimer county, N. Y., and located at Emmonsburg, which place was named after him, and there he bought a tannery, which he ran for thirteen years in connection with New

York parties, making over 500,000 sides of sole leather, or 10,000,000 pounds. 1870 was the year of his arrival in West Virginia, where he acted as constructing agent for the western extension of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, from White Sulphur Springs to the Ohio river, and as agent for a syndicate of New York capitalists, Mr. Emmons bought twenty farms in Cabell county, about 5,000 acres (now Huntington), and a year later these parties organized themselves into the Central Land company of West Virginia. At the time of the organization, Mr. Emmons was elected general superintendent, which position he held for eighteen years, and resigned in 1888. In 1851 he took for his wife Miss Mary J., daughter of William Stoddard, of West Cornwall, Conn., and unto them were born the following named children: Arthur S., Collis H., Carleton D., J. Alden and Elizabeth S. During his residence at Huntington, Mr. Emmons has been very prominently connected with the business and progress of the city. He is a director in the First National bank and Bank of Huntington; also of the Electric Light & Street Railroad company and the Ensign Manufacturing company. Mr. Emmons is president of the Fitzgerald Prepared Plaster company, and helped to organize the Huntington Illuminating & Fuel Gas company. Mr. Emmons was one of the first councilmen of his adopted city. He has taken all the degrees in Masonry, including Knight Templar, Noble of the Mystic Shrine and the Scottish Rite, thirty third degree. The foregoing outline sufficiently indicates the popularity and standing of Mr. Emmons in the community where he resides. In all the relations of life, both as a business man and a citizen, he has been one of the foremost in everything calculated to promote the general welfare.

H. C. Everett was born November 7, 1849, in Louisa, Ky., his father being Talton W. Everett. The latter was born in the house where he now resides, near Guyandotte, in 1821. For twenty years he was engaged in merchandising at Wayne Court House, and Louisa, Ky. The last years of his life have been devoted to farming, and at the present writing he still resides on his place near Guyandotte. In 1843 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Frederick Moore of Louisa, Ky., and they had nine children: John F. (deceased), Virginia, William, Henry C., George S., Chattie and Fannie (twins), Laben T. and Carrie (deceased). The mother of these children died in August, 1879. John Everett, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born February 15, 1788, in Albemarle county, Va., married Sallie Woodson October 6, 1880. He came to Cabell county when a young man and walked through in company with his bride. He was one of the pioneers of Cabell county, where he resided until his death in 1871. He represented the county for seven years

in succession in the Virginia legislature, and was a member of the county court, and also sheriff. Before leaving Albemarle county, he was married to a Miss Woodson, who died June 8, 1855. Henry C. Everett, the immediate subject of this sketch, received his early education at Louisa, Ky., and in Guyandotte, to which place he removed with his parents at an early age. He remained on his father's farm in Cabell county, until he reached his majority, when he went into the business of manufacturing flour at Huntington, which he continued for about four years. After that he embarked in the grocery business, but also owns a wharf-boat in partnership with G. S. Page. July 3, 1883, Mr. Everett was married to Miss Nettie, daughter of Charles Summerson of Guyandotte, and to this union were born two children. Mr. Everett is a member of Huntington lodge, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the Knights of Honor lodge at Guyandotte.

T. S. Garland is a native of Richmond county, Va., where his birth took place August 26, 1846, his parents being James V. and Juliet (Lyell) Garland. The father was born in Richmond county, in 1810, and resided there until his death, which took place in 1870. He farmed on an extensive scale and owned many slaves. He became the father of the following named children: Georgianna (deceased), James V., Richard H., Louisa, William J., who died in the Confederate service; Thomas S., Virginia (deceased), Robert (deceased), Julia L. and Florence (deceased). The grandfather of the subject of our sketch was James V. Garland, a Virginian, who served in the war of 1812. Thomas S. Garland attended school at the academy of Kilmonock, on Chesapeake Bay, Lancaster county, Va. At the age of seventeen he quit school and enlisted in Company K, Ninth Virginia cavalry, serving in the Confederate army about one year. After the war he entered the dry goods store of R. H. Lyell & R. H. Garland, at Stony Hill, remaining one year in a clerical capacity. Subsequently he went into business at Cherry Hill, with Capt. Samuel Bayron, with whom he continued for about two years. His next move was to Indian Banks, Richmond county, Va., where he engaged in the mercantile business with Capt. J. V. Garland. This continued for two years when he went to West Virginia to engage in the dry goods business with Col. Peter C. Buffington, at Huntington. He continued with Mr. Buffington from 1871 until the latter's death. After that event, he bought the interest of his dead partner, but the firm name remained T. S. Garland & Co. until 1887, when he formed a partnership with J. W. Valentine, which still continues. In 1885 he became a silent partner in Kelly & Northcott's clothing store and after Mr. Northcott's withdrawal, in 1889, the firm became H. H. Kelly & Co., our subject being the Co. In 1887, Mr. Garland was elected mayor of Huntington, and was re-elected

in 1888 and 1890. November 12, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie, daughter of David D. Geiger, of Ashland, Ky., and their children are as follows: Russell E., Anna L., Louise, Josephine, Thomas S. and David G.

Richard A. Goodwin is a native of Albemarle county, Va., being born near Charlottesville in 1848. His father was John Austin Goodwin, who was born in 1809, and farmed in Albemarle county, until his death in 1873. In 1828 he married Lucinda J., daughter of Gloud Mayo, and they became the parents of the following named children: Jane E., wife of Lilborn Houchens; Fleming C., killed in the war of the Rebellion; Julius S., Millie E., wife of L. M. Nold; John A., Harriet R., wife of Andrew Thompson; Richard A., George W., William E. and James J. The mother of these children died in 1878, at her old home in Albemarle county. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was William Goodwin, who was born in England about 1772, and came to America with his brother, the latter dying soon after their arrival. William settled in Albemarle county, and from him the family descended. He died about 1822, from an accident in the harvest field. Richard A. Goodwin, the immediate subject of this sketch, quit school at the age of eighteen, and went on his father's farm, where he remained until he was twenty-four years old. In January, 1872, he went to work as one of the constructors of the C. & O. railroad, which occupied his time until 1873, when he took charge of the construction train as conductor, remaining in that capacity for six months. For two years thereafter he had charge of an extra force of men in the maintenance of the way department, but afterward resumed his position in charge of the construction train, in which he continued until May, 1882. At that date he was made division supervisor of tract, which occupied him for some six months. In December, 1888, Mr. Goodwin was appointed general yard master at Cannelton, W. Va., which position he held for eight months, and then resumed charge of the construction train. Mr. Goodwin has always enjoyed the confidence of his employers as a discreet and industrious railroad worker. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, and also belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors.

Col. Robert T. Harvey was born in Mason county, W. Va., June 24, 1814, his parents being Dr. Henry B. and Sarah (Hale) Harvey. The father was born in Botetourt county in 1788. He graduated at the Pennsylvania Medical college in Philadelphia, and located at Pt. Pleasant in 1807. Later, he located on a farm near Buffalo, in Putnam county, where he practiced his profession until his death in 1837. This farm was originally granted by King George III., to Col. Bronaugh for his services in the French and Indian war of 1757. The colonel gave the farm to his son-in-law, Joseph Hale, who located on the same in 1809, soon after

which his only daughter married Dr. Henry B. Harvey. She inherited the farm from her father and it has descended to her children, now being owned by the subject of this sketch. Dr. Harvey and Sarah (Smith) Hale became the parents of twelve children, the following of whom are living: Mary M., widow of P. E. Hogg; Robert T., Martha A., widow of P. A. C. Kemper, of of Newport, Ky.; Magdalene L., Fanny L., widow of G. W. Carter; Henry B., a prominent merchant, of Texas, and Caroline, widow of Rev. J. W. Wightman. Another son, Dr. James C. B. Harvey, who died in 1863, was formerly a distinguished chemist and physician of New Orleans and surgeon of Gen. Bragg's division of the Confederate army. The mother of this notable family of children died in 1851. Col. Robert T. Harvey, when eleven years old, went to live with his grandfather, an iron worker of Botetourt county, Va. When fourteen years old he entered the dry-goods store of James A. Lewis, at Charleston, with whom he remained for several years. He changed occupation several times, being in business for awhile at New Orleans and Vicksburg. His father dying, he returned to Mason county, where he took care of his mother and educated his younger brothers and sisters. He commenced business as a merchant at Buffalo in 1845, and continued there until 1873. At that date he went to Huntington, where he entered into mercantile pursuits, which he followed until his retirement in 1885. In 1850 Col. Harvey was elected to the Virginia house of delegates, from Mason, Jackson, and parts of Putnam and Wirt counties, and was re-elected in 1852, under the new constitution, to represent the county of Putnam, in which honorable position he continued until 1854. He was then elected clerk of the circuit and county court in 1856, which office he held until 1862. In 1863 he was appointed on the staff of Gen. John B. Floyd, with the rank of major. Shortly after the battle of Ft. Donelson Col. Harvey and his son, Thomas H., who was then a soldier in Col. McCausland's regiment, were captured by the Federal troops. They were soon paroled, however, and Col. Harvey went back to his farm on the Kanawha river, where he remained but a short time until he was arrested and taken to Wheeling as a prisoner of war. He soon made his escape and returned to his farm where his son was convalescing from a wound received at Ft. Donelson, and with him he went to Newbern, Va. While there Col. Harvey sent his son to the Washington-Lee college, in Lexington, Va. Returning to his farm on the Kanawha, Col. Harvey was again captured by the Federals, but paroled by Gen. Crook. In 1884 he was elected state senator from the Sixth senatorial district, composed of the counties of Wayne, Cabell and Putnam. November 30, 1842, the subject of our sketch was married to Miss Anna M., daughter of William Hope, of Owensville, Ky.

Unto the union were born the following named children: Thomas H., now judge of the Cabell circuit court; Fanny L., a sister of charity in the convent of St. Joseph, at Wheeling; Clayton H., for many years a prominent merchant in Huntington; Dr. Robert S., a well known physician at Spokane, state of Washington; William H., a prominent lawyer in Ogden, Utah, and Henry C., senior member of the wholesale grocery firm, Harvey, Hagan & Co., in Huntington. Col. Harvey's first wife died January 25, 1889, and he espoused Miss Charlotte E., daughter of Harvey Mitchell, the marriage taking place August 27, 1890. Col. Harvey is a member of Huntington lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M. His career has been an active and distinguished one, and in all the relations of life, the colonel has proved himself to be a man of staunch character and first-class ability. The family enjoys the highest social rank and is very generally esteemed.

W. H. H. Holswade was born in Lewis county, W. Va., February 16, 1847, his parents being Christian F. and Martha (Alkaire) Holswade. The father was a native of Prussia, being born in Westphalia, August 4, 1819, and came to America in 1844, landing at Norfolk, Va. He remained in Richmond for a few years and then came to Lewis county, W. Va., where he located. In the fall of 1846 he married Martha, daughter of Nicholas Alkaire, one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers in Lewis county. Their four children were named as follows: William H. H., Joseph A., George W. and John M. The father died in 1876. The subject of this sketch, William H. Holswade, was educated in the common schools of West Virginia, and began teaching at the age of eighteen in the schools of Roane and Kanawha counties. While engaged in this occupation, he kept up his studies by attending Marshall college and the State Normal school. In 1873 Mr. Holswade located in Huntington and took the position of assistant postmaster, which place he held for two and a half years. For a while after leaving that position, he was engaged in the book and news business and afterward embarked in the furniture business with J. H. Poage whom he later bought out and has ever since conducted the business himself. Mr. Holswade was married in September, 1875, to George Ella, daughter of James Gallaher, and their marriage has been blessed by the birth of one son, James Frederick, born in 1878. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Holswade has been prominently connected with a number of secret societies, including the following: Huntington lodge, No. 53, F. & A. M., R. A. chapter, No. 6, No. 9 K. of T., Consistory No. 22, Scottish Rite, Huntington lodge, I. O. O. F., Knights of Honor and the National Union. He is a past presiding officer in all the above mentioned orders except the Royal Arch chapter and the I. O. O. F.

R. A. Jack was born in Berkeley Springs, Morgan county, W. Va., March 14, 1850, his parents being James and Caroline (Dyche) Jack. The father was born in Pottstown, Penn., in 1818, and removed to Maryland in 1840, where he remained for five years, and then went to Berkeley Springs. He owned and ran a stage line from that point to Sir John's Run, on the B. & O. R. R. He conducted this business until the year 1880, at which time he sold to his son, C. P. Jack, and retired. His death took place at Berkeley Springs, in 1885. In 1848 James Jack married Caroline Dyche, and they became the parents of the following named children: Robert A., Charles P. and J. William. The mother of these children died in Berkeley Springs, in 1880. Robert A. Jack was educated at Berkeley Springs principally, and also attended a business college at Baltimore, Md., in 1867. In 1869 he went to Middletown, Dela., where he obtained a position as clerk in the dry goods store of John A. Reynold & Son. He remained at this place until the summer of 1870, at which time he returned Berkeley Springs. In 1872 he came to Huntington, W. Va., where he entered the dry goods store of F. J. Harmison, in a clerical capacity, and remained there until 1876, at which time he purchased a half interest in the business. The partnership continued until 1885, at which time Mr. Jack purchased the entire business and has since conducted the same. September 25, 1878, Mr. Jack wedded Miss Beatrice, daughter of Rev. R. Valentine, of Augusta, Ky., and unto them have been born the following named children: Clarence V., Robert A. and James R. Mr. Jack is a member of Castle Hall lodge, K. P., and also of the Knights of Honor. He has served one term as member of the Huntington city council, and in all the relations of life, both as a business man and citizen, Mr. Jack enjoys general esteem.

John H. Jarvis, senior member of the firm of Jarvis & Brother, foundry and machine works, Huntington, W. Va., was born June 21, 1846, in the city of London, England. His parents were George and Eliza Jarvis, who came to America in 1852 and settled in St. Albans, Vt., where the father engaged in the foundry and machine business. The subject of our sketch grew up to manhood in Vermont, meantime receiving a public school education. He learned the trade of a machinist at Malone, N. Y., and in March, 1873, came to Huntington with his two brothers. He found employment in the C. & O. railroad shops until 1879, when in partnership with his brother George, he established their present business. They started in a small way, but by hard work and good management the establishment increased and they now have the leading business of the city, employing thirty men. They make a specialty of repairing locomotive engines and get a large amount of work in this line. In January, 1884, Mr. Jarvis was united in matrimony with May E.

Ruff, of Sheridan, Ohio, by whom he has had two children, Charles E. and Edith. While still a resident of Vermont Mr. Jarvis joined the Masonic fraternity and is at present a member of the Guyandotte chapter. His wife is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, south.

William Keefe was born in Lockhaven, Clinton Co., Penn., in 1859, his parents being Patrick J. and Kate (Crowley) Keefe. The father was a native of Ireland, where his birth took place in 1831, and he came to America with his parents when a child, settling in the state and county above mentioned. In 1849 he was married at Lockhaven to Miss Kate Crowley, and unto them were born the following named children: William, John (deceased), Edward (deceased) and Nellie. Patrick Keefe holds the position of foreman in the Bromwell Manufacturing company of Cincinnati, having been with this firm since 1878. His son William was educated in the schools of his native county, and at the age of sixteen accepted a situation as clerk in the drug store of M. H. Brooks, in Huntington, W. Va. He remained with Mr. Brooks for about four years and then opened a drug store for himself, which he still carries on. Mr. Keefe does a prosperous business, and is popular both as a merchant and a citizen.

B. F. Keefe was born in Little Falls, Herkimer county, N. Y., June 2, 1850, his parents being William and Ellen (Follen) Keefe. The father was born in Ireland in 1811, but in early manhood came to America, landing in New York, where a year later he married Ellen Follen, also a native of Ireland, and to them were born the following named children: Eliza (deceased), Bernard F., Ella, William, Jr., Essa, Peter, Mary and John. The father of these children died June 28, 1878, at Danville, Ill., but the mother still survives at the place last mentioned. Bernard F. Keefe received his first education in Defiance, Ohio, where he went with his parents when only six years of age. His parents moved about from place to place and Bernard was sent to school at various points. In 1867 he engaged work on the Chicago & Great Eastern railroad, now the Panhandle, as a brakeman, and continued in that position over a year. Subsequently he worked on the Wabash railroad until August 11, 1871, when he was given charge of a freight train as conductor. He continued in the railroad business, working for various roads, until September 22, 1873, when he met with the misfortune of having his hand badly crushed, which disqualified him for work until the latter part of February, 1874. After his recovery Mr. Keefe worked in various positions on different railroads until 1890, when he was made general yardmaster of the C. & O. railroad, at Huntington. During his long continued service for numerous railroad companies he was always regarded as a reliable and industrious employe. September 12, 1877, Mr. Keefe was married to Miss

Delia, daughter of Michael Barrett, of Danville, Ill., and two children, Nina, and an infant daughter, was the fruit of this union. Mr. Keefe is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and has a wide acquaintance and many warm friends among the great army of railroad workers.

W. S. King was born in Milford Center, Ohio, November 22, 1863. His father was Eugene King, who was born in Ireland in 1830, but came to America in early manhood and settled in Cincinnati. He remained there about two years when he moved to Milford Center, his death occurring in Miamisburg in 1876. In 1849 he married Johanna Sheahan, and they became the parents of the following named children: Patrick, Mary (deceased), John, Julia, Katie (deceased), William S., Margaret (deceased) and Eugene. William S. received his early schooling at Milford and Miamisburg, subsequently attending at Marysville, Ohio. At the age of thirteen he secured a position on the C. C. C. & I. railroad, and later served as baggage master for the same road in the depot at Marysville. In 1878 he was appointed night operator at Miamisburg, and served in that capacity for six years, subsequently acting as operator in the train dispatcher's office at Delaware and Cincinnati. He remained in Cincinnati until the summer of 1888 when he was appointed train dispatcher on the Maysville & Big Sandy railroad, with headquarters at Maysville, Ky. He remained there until March, 1889, when he was transferred to Cincinnati as chief train dispatcher and train master. In May, 1890, he was transferred to Huntington, W. Va. as train master. February 8th, 1888, Mr. King was united in matrimony with Miss May, daughter of John Visse (deceased), formerly a wholesale merchant in Cincinnati. The marriage resulted in the birth of one son, named Eugene William, whose birth took place November 16, 1889. Mr. King is regarded as very expert in his business and enjoys the full confidence of his employers.

Rev. W. Wirt King is a native of Craig county, Va., where his birth took place January 9, 1862. His father was Rev. F. H. J. King, who was born in Ripley, W. Va., in 1834, and was admitted to the Methodist Episcopal ministry about 1857. In 1860 he married Rufina Wilson, and they became the parents of the following named children: William Wirt, Mary L., wife of John Heaton; Alice N., Edwin N., Jennings M., Maud (deceased) and Lily B. At the present time (1890) the father is located at Palatine, W. Va. Rev. W. Wirt King was educated in the common schools of West Virginia, to which state he was brought by his father when quite young. He graduated at Wesleyan college in Delaware, Ohio, in 1885, and took a post graduate course at the Illinois Wesleyan university in Bloomington. The last mentioned institution conferred upon him the degree of master of

arts and Ph. D. In 1880 Mr. King was admitted to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church by Bishop Andrews at Quinnimont, W. Va. His first location was at Williamstown, W. Va., where he remained one year, and then attended school at Delaware, Ohio, for four years. After that he was sent to Benwood, W. Va., where he remained three years, and was then sent to Huntington where he is pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church. October 2, 1889, Mr. King was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Alta M., daughter of Dr. H. T. Ford, of Wheeling, W. Va. Fraternally he is connected with the following secret societies: Huntington lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M.; Huntington chapter, R. A. M., and Huntington commandery, K. T. He is also a Good Templar and member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. King is regarded as a man of ability, and exercises a marked influence on those with whom he comes in contact. He has many friends and enjoys general popularity.

George F. Klingel was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, November 3, 1847. His father was Andrew Klingel, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1817, and is still living in West Salem, Ohio. For many years he has been a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, located mostly in Ohio and Indiana. In 1842, he married Catherine Dooze, and they became the parents of eight children, the living ones being as follows: Catherine, wife of Dr. E. B. Cobb of West Salem, Ohio; George F., Homer L. and M. E., preacher in the west; William B. and Alice, wife of Rev. Albert Foster. The mother of these children died in 1860, and the father again married. The two children by the last wife being Charles and Albertus. George F. Klingel left school when about fifteen, to learn the painter's trade in Huntington, Ind. He remained there about six years, then traveled for about three years, meantime working at his trade. In 1872 he settled at Terre Haute, and went into the business of painting freight cars by contract. He went to Huntington, W. Va., in 1883, where he resumed his regular business, taking contracts to paint the cars turned out by the Ensign Car & Manufacturing company. He also takes contracts for similar work, embracing the entire company, and employs a large number of men. Mr. Klingel was married in 1872, to Miss Flora A. Harvey of Marietta, Ohio, and two children came to bless the union: Pearl G. and Durward B. Mr. Klingel belongs to the following named secret societies: Huntington lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., Cabell encampment and Patriarchs Militant, Canton Fidelity, No. 1, also No. 33, K. P., and Mohawk Tribe No. 11, Improved Order of Red Men.

Capt. J. I. Kuhn was born in Brooke county, Va., January 9, 1835, his parents being Adam and Priscilla (Wheeler) Kuhn. The father was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and the mother of Maryland. He settled in Brooke county, W. Va., as

far back as 1824, and subsequently served as clerk of the county and circuit courts until 1851. From that date until his death, in the fall of 1872, he was president of the Wellsburg National bank and branch of the Northwestern Bank of Virginia, being one of the organizers of the same. During the prevalence of the civil war, he was intensely loyal and took an active interest on the side of the Union. His son, Capt. Kuhn, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared in Brooke county, and graduated from Washington college, Washington, Penn., in 1855. Three years after leaving school, he was elected sheriff of Brooke county, and was re-elected in 1860 on the republican ticket. In May, 1861, he organized a company for the Federal service under a call for 75,000 men for three months by President Lincoln, and was assigned to the First Virginia regiment with a commission as captain. He served three months under Gen. Kelly, when he returned to attend to his duties as sheriff. In 1872 Capt. Kuhn came to Barboursville, W. Va., as the agent for an eastern syndicate to arrange and settle the title of 200,000 acres of land on the Guyandotte and Twelve Pole rivers. Since his arrival in the county, he has devoted most of his time to the business above mentioned. Politically the captain is an ardent republican. He is a member of the Knights of Honor, also Knights and Ladies of Honor at Huntington. In 1882 Capt. Kuhn was married to Miss A. M. Tiernan, of Lawrence county, Ohio. The captain is a member of the Presbyterian church and his wife is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. They have a wide circle of acquaintances whose friendship and esteem they enjoy.

Edmund Kyle is a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, where he was born September 18, 1818, his parents being Robert and Sophia (Thompson) Kyle. The latter emigrated to the land of promise in America, when Edward was only eight years of age, and they first settled in Pittsburg, Penn. In 1846, they removed to Wetzel county, W. Va., where the subject of this sketch remained until 1866, in which year he went to Lawrence county, Ohio, but soon after changed his residence to Cabell county, W. Va., which has ever since been his place of abode. Robert Kyle, whose birth took place in 1787, arrived in this country in 1824. He was a farmer, and during his residence in Ireland was engaged in quarrying millstones on property owned by himself in the Manor of Hastings. After he came to the United States, he was engaged for many years at Pittsburg, in the rectifying business. His death took place in Lawrence county, Ohio, in the year 1869. In 1807 Robert Kyle married Sophia Thompson. She was a native of the Island of St. Helena, where she was born during the temporary residence of her parents who were theatrical people. They had a family of fourteen children, as

follows: William, Mary A. (deceased), Galbreith (deceased), Robert (deceased), Elizabeth, Thompson, Matilda (deceased), Henry, Maria, Edmund, Samuel (deceased), Sophia (deceased), and Letitia, wife of Samuel Reed. The mother of these children died in 1868. Edmund Kyle, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, has been quite a prominent man during his career in West Virginia. In 1863, 1864 and 1865, he represented Wetzel county in the legislature, and was chief clerk and acting auditor of the reorganized government of Virginia, from July, 1861, to July, 1863. He was the first sergeant-at-arms of the West Virginia state senate, being appointed in 1863. From July, 1863, to 1865, he was chief clerk and acting auditor of the state. In 1880, he was elected sheriff of Cabell county, and served four years, being re-elected in 1888, for a similar period which he is now serving. In 1850, Edmund Kyle was united in marriage to Sarah N., daughter of James G. West, of Wetzel county, who was a man of prominence, and served for seventeen years in the state senate. This marriage resulted in the birth of the following named children: Robert T., William G., James G. (deceased), Edmund K., Jemina B., wife of William Nurmberger; Mary S. and Martha N. (twins), the former being the wife of H. C. Waters; and Henry McDowell. The subject of our sketch has always followed agricultural pursuits, and is at present one of the wealthiest farmers in Cabell county. Though in his seventy-third year, Mr. Kyle is remarkably well preserved, and in the enjoyment of excellent health. He has a constitution of great strength and capable of enduring the hardest of work. He is not only extensively known but is universally popular, which is largely due to his genial and obliging disposition, he being always ready to do any favor for his friends that is in his power. Politically he has always been a strong democrat and taken an active part in politics.

The Upper Ohio valley has no more successful public school worker than James McMillen Lee, superintendent of the Huntington city schools. An enthusiastic pleasure in his work is combined with a breadth of view, liberal culture and literary and scholarly tastes, which are not possessed in so high a degree by the majority of even our best educators. These things naturally give him an influence which he is able to use for the good of the community outside of the schools as well as in and through them. Mr. Lee is a native of Washington county, Penn., and was born September 29, 1855. He is a grandson of James Lee, who was long identified with the Pennsylvania militia, in which he rose to the rank of major general; and son of William M. Lee, now a prosperous and influential farmer and wool grower of Hancock county, W. Va. On his mother's side he is closely related to the prominent Pennsylvania family of Pattersons. Until he was

eighteen years of age he exercised brain and brawn on the farm, and attended the country schools. Then he entered the West Virginia university, at Morgantown, where he remained five years, graduating in 1878. Throughout his college course he stood at the head of nearly all of his classes. The next fourteen months were spent at home, six months of the time being devoted to country school teaching. The winter of 1879–80 was spent as assistant principal of Patterson institute, Pittsburg, at the close of which he was elected commandant of cadets and assistant in the preparatory department, at his alma mater, which position he filled with ability and distinction until November 6, 1884, when a United States army officer was detailed for that place. Mr. Lee was commissioned major by Govs. Mathews and Jackson, of West Virginia. In 1885 he was elected assistant principal of the Linsley institute at Wheeling, where he remained for two years; revived the military company of that institution, and built it up generally. In 1887 he was elected to his present responsible position as superintendent of the Huntington city schools. At that time there were twenty-one teachers in his charge, now there are thirty-two teachers and 1,600 pupils. The principalship of the state normal school at Fairmont, W. Va., the largest in the state, was tendered him in 1890, but it was declined. Maj. Lee has done much successful institute work in all parts of the state during the past five years, and stands at the head of West Virginia's public school educators. He has also lectured with success on literary and educational subjects, and is a graceful and thoughtful contributor to educational journals. Religiously he is a Presbyterian; politically a democrat of the liberal type. On January 1, 1883, he married Miss Mary Orr, a woman of culture, education and intelligence, a member of an old and prominent family of Brooke county, W. Va. They have two bright and promising children.

L. L. Love, M. D., is a native of Cabell county, W. Va., and dates his birth from April 28, 1866. He is a son of Peter E. Love, who was born June 9, 1833, in Cabell county, where he has resided most of his life, his occupation being that of a farmer. In 1852 he married Miss Ann, daughter of William Simmons, a native of Pennsylvania, but for many years a resident of Cabell. These parents had ten children: Charles A., John W., Conwelsey S., James S., Thomas L., Leonidas L., Allen V., Henry E., Mollie E. and Anna E. Dr. Love left school at the age of sixteen in Cabell county, and went to a graded school at Centralia, Mo., for three years, after which he took the medical course in the university at Columbia, Mo. He subsequently finished his studies in the Missouri Medical college at St. Louis where he was graduated in 1888. After receiving his degree he first located in Teay's Valley in Putnam county, W. Va., for the practice of his

profession, but remained there only six months and then removed to Milton in Cabell county, where he opened an office and has since enjoyed a growing practice. Dr. Love is attentive to business, has a good address and makes friends with all who come in contact with him.

R. A. Mathews was born in Lewistown, Penn., October 25, 1829, his parents being Joseph and Rebecca (Brotherland) Mathews. They had six children, viz.: Charles S., who was a soldier in the Mexican war, and died in 1859; Joseph A., who served in the war of the Rebellion, in the Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania regiment for a while, and was subsequently elected colonel of a regiment with which he served to the end and came out as a brigadier general. He died in Harrisburg, Penn., in 1879, from wounds received in the service. The other children were: Robert A., Eliza, wife of Col. J. B. Selheimer; Matilda and Rebecca E., who died in 1840. Robert A., the subject of this sketch, left school in Pennsylvania at the age of eighteen, and learned the potter's trade in Lewistown, at which he worked until the age of twenty-four, when he went into the grocery business. In 1860 he accepted a clerkship in the Black Bear hotel in Lewiston, remaining there until April 14, 1861, when he went to Harrisburg, where he enlisted in the army. He was sent to Washington, where he remained a couple of weeks and was then assigned to Company A, Twenty-fifth regiment Pennsylvania infantry. His military service with this regiment lasted until August, 1861, when he enrolled himself in the militia. After returning from the army he resumed his work at the Black Bear hotel and remained there about five years. Then he rented a hotel in Lewistown and managed it for five years. In the spring of 1873 he came to Huntington, W. Va., where he went into the hotel business for himself. At first he had charge of the Third Avenue hotel, which he bought and conducted until 1879, when the building was burned. His next venture was the renting of the Merchant's hotel, of which he was manager until the spring of 1888, when he purchased the Florentine hotel, the best in the city, which he now runs with great success. In April, 1862, Mr. Mathews was united in marriage to Mary J., daughter of M. A. Sample, of Mifflin county, Penn., and to them has been born one son, Homer C. Our subject was one of the incorporators of Hines lodge, K. of P., not now in existence. He was one of the organizers of the Huntington Electric Light & Street railroad company, of which he served as president for a number of years. Mr. Mathews is a stockholder in the First National bank, and has served six terms as member of the Huntington city council.

S. V. Matthews was born in Cabell county, March 6, 1860, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Smith) Matthews. The father was born in Maryland in 1823 and when a child came to Virginia

with his parents. Throughout his life he followed the trade of blacksmith. He was twice married, the second time in 1857, to Mary J., daughter of Austin Smith, of Cabell county, and to this union were born the following named children: Alice E., wife of William Crawford; Samuel, Edward P., Charles E., Joseph E. and Robert B., who died in 1888. The father of these children died in June, 1886, in Burlington, Ohio. At the beginning of the war, the subject of this sketch went with his parents to Ohio, where he remained until about the age of eighteen. His education was received in the public schools at Burlington, and from that place he came to Huntington about 1878. He accepted a position in Kirk's photograph gallery where he remained a short time and subsequently took a position in the same line of business with D. E. Abbott. After remaining with him as an assistant for five years, Mr. Matthews purchased the business and now carries on the same. December 9 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura E., daughter of Albert F. McCall, of Bethel, Ohio. Mr. Matthews belongs to Huntington lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., and is quite popular both socially and in business.

F. F. McCullough is a native of Ashland, Cabell county, W. Va., where his birth took place February 15, 1858, his father being Patrick Henry McCullough. The latter was born in Washington county, Penn., July 12, 1816, and when twenty-one years old, was graduated at the Jefferson Medical college, in Philadelphia. He went to Wellsburg, W. Va., where he practiced medicine for three or four years, then removed to Ashland where he remained about ten years and in 1862 located on a farm, the present site of Huntington. He resides at present on his farm near Huntington. After a lengthy and successful career, he retired from practice in 1888, being the oldest physician in Cabell county, and one of the oldest in the state. In 1883 he represented Cabell county in the house of delegates of West Virginia. Dr. McCullough was twice married, first to Rachel W. Thornberg, of Ohio county, W. Va., by whom he had six children, viz.: Isadore H., wife of J. W. Rider; Julius W. (deceased), Emma F., wife of Judge T. H. Harvey; Robert C., Frank F. and Georgie Lee, wife of C. B. Harrold. The mother of these children died in May, 1865, and Dr. McCullough, in 1867, was wedded to Fannie M. Williams. The subject of this sketch after the usual education in the country schools attended Marshall college in Huntington, also one term at the Virginia State University, at Charlottesville, Va., where he studied law. In 1881 he settled in Huntington, where he practiced law until 1884, in which year he was elected clerk of Cabell county court for a term of six years and re-elected clerk of county court, November, 1890, for the term of six years. December 10, 1884, in Allemeda

Cal., Mr. McCullough was happily married to Miss Alice V., daughter of Gen. John S. Witcher, who is a paymaster in the regular army. This union has resulted in the birth of two children: Flora, born June 18, 1887, and Frank W., born May 3, 1889. The family enjoy high social rank and very general esteem.

G. E. McDonald was born at Warm Springs, Bath county, Va., December 1, 1859, being a son of Charles R. and Ella (Mayse) McDonald. The father was born in 1820, and was brought up on a farm. When about twenty years old, he went to California, where he remained until 1850, after which he wandered to Mexico, which was his place of residence for about four years. While in California he made considerable money in the mining business. After leaving Mexico, he returned to his old home in Bath county, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, continuing the same for a number of years. Early in the sixties, he was elected clerk of the circuit and county courts of Bath, which responsible position he held for over twenty years. In 1880 he was elected member of the general assembly from Bath county, to fill an unexpired term, at the end of which he was re-elected. At present he is living a retired life on a farm in his native county. Charles McDonald was married November 19, 1856, to Miss Ella C., daughter of George Mayse, of Warm Springs, and unto this union were born the following named children: Allen C. (since deceased), George E., Newton E., Mary W., Nannie M., Charles L., Nellie H. (deceased), Betty B., Jennie C., Willie S., Frank and Edith G. George E. McDonald obtained his early education in the schools of Warm Springs, and subsequently attended Roanoke college, at Salem, Va., completing his course at the Virginia university in Charlottesville, where he studied law in addition to academics. He left college in 1884, and came to Huntington, W. Va., where he commenced the practice of law in connection with Z. T. Vinson. The partnership was added to in November, 1884, by the admission of Thomas H. Harvey, afterward judge of the district composed of the counties of Wayne, Cabell, Lincoln and Logan. When elected judge in 1889, Mr. Harvey retired from the firm. Mr. McDonald has met with success in his business, and enjoys an enviable standing in all the relations of life.

Judge Ira J. McGinnis.—The McGinnis family figured prominently in the early settlement of the section composing the counties of Cabell and Wayne, and contiguous territory of West Virginia. Edmund, James and Pyrhus McGinnis were brothers who settled there in the beginning of the present century, and many of their lineal descendants to the fourth generation, reside in the counties of Cabell, Wayne, Putnam, Raleigh and Wyoming at this time, and a large number of the western states. The

ancestry of this extensive connection was originally Scotch, but settled in the north of Ireland and emigrated from there to America, thus constituting what is famous in American annals as the Scotch-Irish population. A prominent head of this family was Edmund McGinnis, who, upon landing in this country, settled near Philadelphia, and thence moved to Frederick county, Va. His son, Edmund, married into the Bryan family of Rockingham county, Va., subsequently settling at Little Levels, in Greenbrier county, during the latter part of the eighteenth century. In 1802, he removed with his family to Cabell county, and settled on the farm which afterward became well known as the Shelton place, situated on the turnpike between Guyandotte and Barboursville. He raised a large family, all of whom, including himself, with the exception of Allen A. McGinnis, moved in an early day to the west. He was a prominent man among the early people of the Guyandotte valley. He was a surveyor of Cabell county when its territory included a dozen of the present counties. He also represented his county in the general assembly of Virginia, for seven consecutive sessions. His son, Allen A. McGinnis, the only one remaining in Virginia, was also a prominent man in his day, being a magistrate under the old regime, and high sheriff by reason of seniority in the magisterial office. He was a prominent member of the Virginia legislature in 1832, and again in 1848. When a young man he married Eliza Holderby, member of a prominent and distinguished family, and a lady noted for her refinement and Christian piety. They had nine children, three of whom, Dr. A. B. McGinnis, Judge Ira J. McGinnis and Mrs. J. W. Thornburg, still reside in Cabell county. The father died in his eighty-fifth year and the mother in the eighty-second year of her age. Judge McGinnis, who resides in the city of Huntington at the present time, in his early professional life was elected prosecuting attorney of Cabell county, and held that office up to the beginning of the civil war, at which time he followed his state into the perils of the southern Confederacy, and served in the army up to the closing scene of the "lost cause." In 1872, he was elected to the state senate from the seventh district, and served four years as a member of that body. He was a member of the board of directors of the hospital for the insane at Weston for a number of years. The judge has always taken an active interest in politics and has been prominent as a democratic politician and orator. In 1880, he was elected judge of the eighth judicial circuit, which high office he filled acceptably for eight years. He remained single until an advanced period of life, but in 1881, was happily married to Miss Kate, daughter of John W. Hite, a gentleman of high standing and one of the old families among the early settlers of Cabell county. Mrs. McGinnis unhappily died in a few years after

their marriage. She was a lady of culture and remarkable Christian excellence. After some four years Judge McGinnis was again married, his second wife being Miss Frances E. Beuhring, who was also a descendant of one of the old time families, she was a devoted Christian, and a lady of refinement. Her death took place about four years after their marriage. Two of the judge's children, one of each wife, died in infancy, but a son of the last wife, a healthy, handsome boy named Ira J. McGinnig, Jr., survives to cheer his father during the evening of life. B. D. McGinnis, son of James, was prosecuting attorney of Cabell county at the close of the war, and is now postmaster at Guyandotte. James H. McGinnis, son of Pyrhus, is a prominent lawyer of Raleigh county, who recently served as a republican member of congress from the third district. John W. McGinnis, son of Allen A., resides in Bland county, Va., and two sons of H. H. McGinnis, the youngest son of Allen A., are wealthy farmers in Burk's Garden, Tazewell county, Va.

George R. McIntosh is a native of Dundee, Scotland, the date of his birth being May 6, 1826. His father was Thomas C. McIntosh who was born at the place above mentioned in 1801. He emigrated to Canada in 1841, and his death occurred there about 1878. In 1823 Isabella Luke became his wife, and by her he had ten children, of whom the following named are living: George R., William P. and Robert E. George R. McIntosh came to America with his father in 1841. Previous to this time he had worked for over a year at the printer's trade in Scotland. Shortly after his arrival in Canada he resumed work at his trade at Hamilton, now in the province of Ontario. Leaving there in 1848, he proceeded to Louisville, Ky., where he remained two or three years, and then went to Savannah, Tenn. At the last mentioned place in 1852 he published a whig paper called the *Savannah Journal*. From Savannah he went to Purdy, Tenn., where he conducted another political paper for a short time. His next move was back to Louisville, where he remained until the summer of 1856, when he returned to Canada, where he remained until October, 1860. April 19, 1861, while in Cincinnati, he enlisted in Company E, First Kentucky infantry, which was soon after changed into an artillery company and called the First Kentucky battery, commanded Capt. Seth J. Simmons. Mr. McIntosh served faithfully and loyally until May 31, 1864, when he was discharged. During his service he took part in the battles of Monocacy Bridge, South Mountain, Antietam, Kanawha Falls, Cloyd's Mountain and New River Bridge. Immediately after his discharge in June, 1864, he was married to Miss Cornelia, daughter of Hezekiah B. Copeland, of Fayette county, W. Va. This union resulted in the birth of the following named children: Rubie E., George C., Isabella (deceased), and Myrtle E. O. Mr.

McIntosh came to Huntington, W. Va., about 1872, and was in the United States mail service until 1884. In 1887 he established the *Huntington Gazette*, which has since been a strong advocate of republican principles.

George F. Miller, Jr., was born in Cabell county, Va., March 13, 1848. His father was George F. Miller, who was born in Germany in 1816, and came with his parents to America in 1818. They landed at New Orleans, and came up the river on a flatboat to the mouth of the Guyandotte in Cabell county, where they disembarked. From there they went into Logan county, but later returned to Barboursville, then the county seat of Cabell, where they located permanently. After the death of the father and mother the children remained in that neighborhood, where George F., Sr., learned the tanner's trade, at which he worked until about twenty-eight years of age. Later on he entered into the mercantile business, and subsequently took charge of the sheriff's office when Sheriff Underwood failed, Mr. Miller being one of his bondsmen. He remained in the mercantile business until the breaking out of the civil war, during the continuance of which he suspended operations. In 1876 he was elected sheriff of Cabell county, and after serving out his term he engaged in speculations and investments congenial to a retired capitalist. In 1843 he married Mary M., daughter of Anthony Shelton, and to them were born the following named children: Christian S. (deceased), Hannah C., wife of Dudley Smith; George F., Jr., William C., and Mary N., wife of J. B. Poage. The mother of these children departed this life in 1879, at Barboursville. George F. Miller, Jr., received his principal education in a select school taught by Prof. B. H. Thackston. At the age of nineteen he began clerking in a store at Barboursville, and two years later became manager of his uncle's store, in the same place. Subsequently he went into the sheriff's office, where he performed the clerical, collecting and disbursing work for most of the county. He remained in this occupation for six years, when his father, George F. Miller, was elected sheriff, and his son continued in charge of the practical affairs of the office until 1881. In that year he accepted the position as vice-president and general manager of the First National bank of Huntington, in which he has since continued, adding largely to the business of the company by his tact and prudence. For many years he has dealt extensively in real estate. Mr. Miller has been very prominently identified with the business and industrial progress of the city in which he resides. Among the enterprises with which he is connected may be enumerated the following: He is a director and stockholder in the Huntington Electric Light & Street Railway company; also a director in the H. & B. S. railroad; he is president of the Huntington Ice &

Storage company, and director in the Fitzgerald Compound company. He is one of the six capitalists who have purchased all the land (1,800 acres) between Huntington and Ceredo, the name of the corporation being the Huntington & Kenora Land company. At the present time, and for several years past, Mr. Miller has been a member of the city council and one of the trustees of the Barboursville college, also a member of the executive committee of Marshall college. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Barboursville. November 5, 1878, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Lucy B., daughter of Charles L. and Belle McConnell, of Catlettsburg, Ky. The union has resulted in the birth of the following named children: James I., born December 5, 1879; Charles F., born October 16, 1881; Belle H., born March 25, 1884; George D., born December 20, 1887. Socially the family enjoys the highest rank, and Mr. Miller himself is very highly esteemed as well on account of his public spirit as his many attractive personal qualities. His first wife died January 8, 1889, and the sad event was a great loss to the husband and growing family. He was married November 12, 1890, to Miss Florence G. Miller. She is a daughter of William C. and Eliza Miller, being one of the old families of the county; grew up together at Barboursville. She possesses a highly cultured mind and amiable disposition.

C. F. Millender is a native of Baltimore county, Md., where he was born in December, 1864. John Henry Millender, his father, was born in Germany in 1830, and six years afterward came to America with his parents, who settled in Maryland. John Henry Millender was married in 1851 to Elizabeth Sauble, and they became the parents of the following named children: Martha E., wife of H. J. Zouck; Mary E., wife of Charles Grothe; Hester J., wife of Elijah Parks; John H. (deceased), Henry H. (deceased), Cornelius F., Ida, Newton, Nora, Horace and Zella. While in Baltimore county, Md., the father served as county commissioner for three terms. At present he is engaged in the lumber business at Ceredo, in Wayne county, W. Va. The grandfather of our subject was Casper Millender, who was born in Germany in 1800 and came to America in 1836. His wife died in 1889 after a married life of seventy years, but her husband is still living in Baltimore county, Md. Cornelius Millender, after receiving the ordinary common school education, attended Saddler's Business college in Baltimore. He left that institution at the age of seventeen, and came to Huntington, W. Va., where he engaged work in the planing-mill of Hoback & Cochran. At first he worked for his board, afterward clerked for Hoback, Millender & Co. for two years in their planing-mill and was then appointed superintendent. After holding that position for a year, he formed a partnership with J. H. Bierman and purchased

the planing-mill. Since then this firm has been conducting the business which has increased enormously since the partnership was formed. In November, 1888, Mr. Millender was united in matrimony with Miss Irene, daughter of Alfred Fowdle, of Baltimore county, Md., and the union resulted in the birth of one son, John Russell. In religion, Mr. Millender is a member of the Lutheran and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church. He also belongs to Huntington lodge, No. 53, F. & A. M., Huntington Royal Arch chapter, No. 6, and Huntington commandery, K. of P., No. 9. In 1890 he was elected to the city council and made a director in the board of trade of Huntington for 1890, and re-elected for 1891 in the same body.

John D. Myers, M. D., was born in Lewisburg, W. Va., September 4, 1841. His father was John H. Myers, born in 1810, in Loudoun county, Va., and subsequently a student at Georgetown college in the district of Columbia. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Winchester, Lewisburg and Lexington, also doing some farming. He became quite a prominent man at Lexington, where he established the first bank of issue and served as mayor of the city. He was treasurer of Washington college, now Washington and Lee university, from 1852 until 1857, and for over thirty years was an active member of the Presbyterian church. His first marriage took place in 1831 to Miss Matilda R., daughter of Dr. Archibald Houston, of Rockbridge county, who was a lineal connection of Gen. Samuel Houston, of Texas. In 1834 he married Miss Martha, daughter of Rev. Daniel Blaine, a Presbyterian minister and professor of Latin in Washington college from 1802 to 1814. By the second marriage there were eight children, four of whom still survive as follows: John D., H. H., a prominent merchant of Lexington; Susan H., wife of Rev. W. H. F. Wallace, of South Carolina, and Elizabeth P., wife of J. A. Lacey, a lawyer in Washington, D. C. Mr. Myers died in Lexington in 1869. John D. Myers, the immediate subject of this sketch, was taken by his parents to Lexington at the age of eight years, being subsequently educated at Washington and William and Mary colleges. In 1861, he joined the Confederate army as a lieutenant and drill master and served in various capacities. During the last two years of the war, he was a member of the First Virginia cavalry under Fitzhugh Lee and Gen. J. E. B. Stuart. For a while he was member of the famous "Stonewall brigade," and served with it in Jackson's valley campaign of 1862. Later on he partieipated in the arduous series of engagements known in history as the Seven Days' battles. After the close of hostilities, he matriculated at the university of Virginia and entered the medical class. He pursued his studies in this noted institution until 1866 in the class of which year he was graduated. He branched out into the practice which he kept up for three years,

and then took a course at the Bellevue hospital of New York city, where he was graduated in surgery. He then practiced in his native county for a while, after which he changed his location to the state of Missouri, where he remained some years. In 1883 he took up his abode in Fayette county, W. Va., and five years later came to Huntington. In 1865 Dr. Myers wedded Miss M. H. Holman, by whom he has six living children: George H., recorder of Huntington; J. H., Mary L., William L., Bernard R. and Clara L. The doctor is ex-vice president of the West Virginia State Medical society and vice president of Huntington Medical society, also member of the Central Missouri State Medical society and surgeon for the C. & O. R. R. Fraternally he is connected with Cooper lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M., of Boonville. The family belong to the Presbyterian church.

G. H. Myers was born in Fluvanna county, Va., February 3, 1866, and received his early education in the country schools. When only sixteen years of age he matriculated at the famous Washington-Lee college in Lexington, Va., where he was graduated in 1882. After finishing his academical course, he entered the law department of the same university which he completed the course in the class of 1885. After leaving college, Mr. Myers went to Fayette county and opened a law office, practicing there for a year and then he came to Huntington. He continued the practice of his profession at that place until April 3, 1889, when he was elected recorder of the city of Huntington. He served the people so well and so satisfactorily that in the spring of the next year he was re-elected to the same position. Mr. Myers is a very estimable gentleman in all the relations of life, being clever, well educated and entertaining. Though badly crippled in body, he possesses indomitable will and energy which is a sure passport to success.

C. F. Parsons is a native of Franklin county, Vt., where his birth took place March 23, 1822. His father, Samuel Parsons, was born near Sanborntown, N. H., in 1787. He was a farmer and contractor by occupation, and held the position of captain of a cavalry company in the state militia. In 1811 he married Ruth Haines, and they became the parents of the following named children: Jethro, Josiah H., Paulina N., Chandler H., Chester F., Abigail (deceased), Fidelia M., Charles (deceased), Arminda and Mahala L. The father died at Burlington, Vt., in 1871, and the mother in 1853. Samuel Parsons was a soldier in the war of 1812. Chester F. Parsons was educated in the Vermont schools, attending for three terms at the St. Albans academy. When eighteen years old he commenced teaching, subsequently made a trip to New Orleans, and after a brief stay there came up the river to Louisville, Ky., where he was engaged in the clock business for three years. After that he spent ten years in Burl-

ington, Vt., in the livery and hotel business. His next move was to La Crosse, Wis., which was his place of abode for nearly seventeen years, his business being livery and farming. In the spring of 1871 he came to the site of Huntington, before the town was in existence, and established himself in the hardware business, his being one of the first business structures in the place. He followed this occupation for twelve years, during the latter portion of which time his son, W. E. Parsons, was in partnership with him. Finally Mr. Parsons retired from the hardware business, since which time he has found occupation in building houses and collecting rent. In 1846 he married Mandana Shaw, of Bloomfield, Ind., and their children are as follows: Myra (deceased), Williard and Willis E., twins, the former deceased; Emm (deceased), Albert S., Jennie (deceased), and Ruth H. Mr. Parsons is a member of the Huntington lodge, F. & A. M., also the Burlington (Vt.) chapter, R. A. M.

N. C. Petit is a native of Clarke county, Va., where his birth took place March 26, 1843. He is the son of Hugh Petit, who was born in Loudoun county, Va., in 1811. The latter was born in 1840, to Frances, daughter of a Mr. Carter, who served as a soldier in the Mexican war. Hugh Petit and wife became the parents of eight children, named as follows: Frances (deceased), William E., Noah C., Sarah A. (deceased), John, Julia, wife of Clark Winton; Ella, widow of George Porter; and Sarah C. (deceased). The father of the above mentioned children died in 1877, and his wife preceded him to the grave in 1873. Noah C. Petit was educated in the county schools of Clarke and Cabell counties. When about seventeeen he enlisted in the Confederate army, becoming a member of an independent company organized and commanded by Capt. Payne, of Virginia. He was on detached service in Gen. Echols' brigade, and served three years. After the war was over Mr. Petit returned to Cabell county, where he engaged in farming six years, and then began to take carpenter contracts, which was his business for two years. In 1874 he made his next venture, which was in the coal and ice business, in Huntington, and this has been his occupation ever since. For six years he served as member of the city council and fraternally is connected with the F. & A. M., No. 53, also Knights of Honor, Knights and Ladies of Honor and the National Union. Mr. Petit was married June 8, 1873, to Miss Marietta C. Simpson, of Huntington, and she became the mother of two children: Ethel L, and Simpson Burt.

Sampson Roberts was born in Lincoln county, now Cabell, W. Va., June 17, 1850. His father was Jones Roberts, born June 16, 1812, in old Virginia, and who emigrated with his parents when a young man to what is now Cabell county, where he lived on the same farm until his death in 1889. In 1846 he mar-

ried Nancy, daughter of Rev. James Mitchell, of Putnam county, and they became the parents of eight children: C. T., Sampson, James A., Mary, Sarah A., Minerva (deceased), Ona M. and William J. The mother died in 1862. Sampson Roberts received his early education in the country schools of his native county. During this period he lived on his father's farm, and leaving school at the age of twenty-two he engaged in the mercantile business at Portersville. He remained there for two years and then moved to Hamlin, the county seat of Lincoln, where he remained about four years, and in 1878 went to Milton, where he opened a general store, which he has since carried on with a constantly increasing patronage. August 25, 1873, Mr. Roberts was united in wedlock to Miss Ella, daughter of Hiram Curry, of Buffalo, and they became the parents of the following children: Anna F., James M., John B. (deceased), Charles W., Nellie F. (deceased) and Harry J. Mr. Roberts is regarded as upright in all his dealings, and as a business man enjoys the confidence of the community in which he resides. He is a man of clever disposition and has many friends.

E. T. Saunders, M. D., is a native of Lunenburg county, Va., where his birth occurred December 15, 1839, his parents being Robert and Mary C. (Towler) Saunders. Both parents were Virginians by birth and extensive owners of land and slaves. They reared to maturity a family of nine children, and five of their sons served in the Confederate army. The children still surviving are as follows: Samuel, E. T., James A., Albert, Susan, Fanny C., wife of Charles Humphries, of New Jersey, and Ida C. Dr. Saunders was brought up in his native county and educated at Emory & Henry college. In 1860 he began the study of medicine and attended one course of lectures at the medical college of Virginia. After that he joined the Flat Rock Rifles, which became a part of the Twentieth Virginia regiment. The command was subsequently disbanded in Randolph county, after which Dr. Saunders engaged in the drug business at Richmond. He was graduated in medicine in 1864 and began practice in his native county. Subsequently he followed his profession in the states of North Carolina and Georgia, coming to Huntington, October 1, 1871, where he obtained employment as surgeon of the C. & O. railroad. At the present time he is the oldest practicing physician in the city and enjoys patronage over a wide area. December 18, 1866, the doctor united his fortunes for life with Miss Sarah K., daughter of Benjamin Fennell, of Mecklenburg county, Va. Mrs. Saunders is a member of the Baptist church and a Christian lady of refinement and high character. Associated in practice with Dr. Saunders is Dr. C. W. McCoy, who was born in Lawrence county, Ohio, February 16, 1866. He studied medicine with Dr. E. P. Gould, of Lawrence county, and

was graduated in 1889 from the Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia, immediately after which he entered the office of Dr. Saunders. The latter has been practicing medicine in Huntington longer than any other physician, and enjoys a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

Joseph R. Shelton.—On February 23, 1854, in Nicholas county, W. Va., Joseph R. Shelton, a prominent citizen of Huntington, was born. He is the son of Winston and Mary A. Shelton, the former being born in Kanawha county, on April 16, 1815, and the latter's birth occurring in Pocahontas county, Va., on October 4, 1817. Winston Shelton held the position of sheriff of Nicholas county for ten years, served as member of the legislature for several terms, and was state senator for two terms. He served in the Confederate army as captain of the Nicholas Blues. He and his wife were members of the Missionary Baptist church. Politically, Mr. Shelton was a loyal democrat, ever true to his party, and in his death, which occurred February 11, 1891, a man prominent in legislation, brave and gallant in soldiery and prominent in religious work, passed away. Mrs. Shelton is still living. Samuel Shelton, the father of Winston Shelton, was a native of eastern Virginia, and a farmer by occupation. He died in 1839, while his wife departed this life in 1834. Joseph R. Shelton received his education in Marshall college, in Cabell county, W. Va. After graduation he entered the employ of T. S. Garland & Co., of Huntington, remaining there as head clerk for four years. During this period he purchased railroad script and time at a discount, and by his shrewdness in this respect, made money rapidly. He resigned his clerkship, and went into the drug business with William Keefe, under the firm name of Shelton & Keefe, selling out at the end of two years to a Mr. McEvoy. He then, in 1882, bought a large tract of wild land in Clay county, also a mill and equipments, which his brother manages, and began the buying and selling of real estate. At present he is the owner of 240 acres of land in the corporation, besides his residence on Fifth avenue, a fine three-story, stone front building on Third avenue; 210 feet by 200 on Fifth avenue, the finest street in the city, with a fine brick residence and brick barn, and other small lots and houses. By the foregoing will be seen the splendid business qualities possessed by Mr. Shelton, and to his superior judgment and these qualities his success in life is due. He is also one of the proprietors of the finest bar in the state, being the company in the firm of John S. Farr & Co. Mr. Shelton has always been a democrat and interested in politics. In 1884 he was elected city marshal of Huntington, and held the office of deputy sheriff from 1884 to 1888. Though not an office-seeker in any sense of the word, he has been in demand and has filled the positions of honor and responsibility en-

trusted to him with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. On October 27, 1881, Miss Anna Mary, the daughter of J. Harvey Poage, became his wife, and their children are named as follows: Sallie Poage Shelton (deceased), born September 1, 1882; Harvey Winston Shelton, born March 18, 1884, and Andrew Kemper Shelton, born June 29, 1888. Mrs. Shelton is a member of the Presbyterian church, while her husband, though not a professor of religion, is of the same faith as his father before him. Fraternally he is a member of the National Union.

William Simpson is a native of Lewis county, W. Va., where his birth occurred May 25, 1850, his parents being George and Eliza (Cain) Simpson. His father is still a prominent man in Lewis county, where he has served as justice of the peace for many years. He learned the trade of shoemaker but is a farmer by occupation. His family consists of six children: Mary, wife of G. W. Dean; Amanda, wife of Addison McDonald; Marshall, William, John B. and H. L. The subject of our sketch was reared and educated in Lewis county, subsequently learning the trade of a shoemaker, which he worked at for twelve years. Tiring of that business, he became a commercial traveler, which was his occupation for several years, In 1880 Mr. Simpson settled in Huntington and became manager of the Singer Manufacturing company for Cabell and six other counties in West Virginia. In 1888 he was elected justice of the peace in Huntington, and has since filled that office. Politically he is an active member of the republican party. In addition to his other business, Mr. Simpson conducts a first-class boarding-house on the corner of Fourth avenue and Eighth streets in Huntington. His marriage took place December 25, 1872, when he espoused Miss Edna, daughter of L. D. Sanborn, of Huntington. Six children were born to this union, as follows: May, Maud, Frank, Roy, Burt and Pearl.

I. F. Stewart is a native of what is now Boyd county, Ky., where his birth took place March 17, 1840. His parents were James and Sarah J. (Lakin) Stewart, the former being born in Wayne county in 1818, and dying in Huntington in 1876. By trade he was a stone and brick mason, but during the latter part of his life, was engaged in farming. His marriage took place in 1838, and he became the father of the following named children: Isaac F., Hansford H., who was killed in a skirmish on the Kanawha river in 1863, he being at the time, a soldier in the Eighth Virginia Confederate cavalry; Joseph A., also a member of the Eighth Virginia cavalry, which he joined at the age of fifteen, and served through the war; Columbia A., widow of E. S. Holderby; James B., Harry H. and an infant daughter deceased. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Ralph Stewart,

born in Scotland about 1750. In early manhood he came to America, arriving here about the year 1770. He served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war and was with Gen. Washington at the time of his memorable crossing of the Delaware river. Ralph Stewart and his son Absalom, were captured by the Indians soon after the Revolutionary war. The former escaped, but his son was held a prisoner for four years, when he also managed to get away from his wily foes by killing his Indian guard. He came to the banks of the Ohio river near where Pt. Pleasant now is and there he succeeded in rejoining his people. Abs valley, a historic locality in Tazewell county, Va., was named after the last mentioned member of the Stewart family. Isaac F. Stewart, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was educated at Guyandotte in Cabell county, where he went with his parents in 1847. Afterward he attended Marshall college where he remained until the year 1861. Until 1880, he followed the trade of a brick mason and was then elected constable of Huntington for two years. In 1875, he was elected to the city council in which body he is now serving his seventh term. He also occupies the position of deputy sheriff of the county. In 1870, Mr. Stewart was united in matrimony to Miss Mary A., daughter of Isaac R. Crump, and unto this union were born the following named children: Columbia A., who died in 1872; Ada M., Clarence B., Leo, James M. and Nannie, who died in 1885. Fraternally Mr. Stewart is a member of Huntington lodge, No. 53, F. & A. M., and he is also a member of the Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree.

Charles H. Snider is a native of Marietta, Ohio, dating his birth from June 4, 1849. His father, John Snider, was born on the ocean while his parents were emigrating to this country from Switzerland, in 1819. He was a baker by trade and spent most of his life in that occupation at Marietta, Ohio. His death took place in 1884 at Huntington. In 1839 he married Sarah Porter, of Belpre, Ohio, whose father, Thomas Porter, is still living at the age of ninety-eight. They had eleven children, of whom the living ones are as follows: William T., John, Charles H., Joseph O., Fremont, Alice and Willis (twins, the latter being deceased and the other the wife of Newton Wakefield), and Effie, wife of Oscar Kelly. The mother of these children died in 1873, and the father married Lizzie Pritchard, by whom he had two children: Anna and Rodney. The father was city marshal of Marietta for a number of years and also served several terms in the council. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Odd Fellows. At the age of seventeen Charles H. Snider went into the bakery with his father at Marietta, remaining with him until 1872. In that year he established in Huntington, W. Va., the first bakery of the place, his partner being his brother,

John Snider. Charles remained in Huntington nine months when he disposed of his business to his father. After some time spent on the river, he opened a bakery and confectionery store in Guyandotte, which he conducted until the fall of 1874, at which time he disposed of the business. Until September, 1883, he was engaged in river work and at the last mentioned date he came back to Huntington, where, in connection with his two brothers, he opened a bakery and confectionery, which is still carried on. In 1890 Mr. Snider was candidate for mayor of Huntington on the republican ticket, but was defeated by T. S. Garland. As a citizen Mr. Snider ranks well and his social qualities have made him many friends.

A. M. Thompson was born in Montgomery county, Ind., August 31, 1844. His parents were William P. and Charlotte (Secrest) Thompson. The former was born December 23, 1812, and departed this life February 13, 1862. He was married August 29, 1836, and became the father of the following named children: James R. (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Alfred M., Charles A., Mary A. (deceased), Margaret E. (deceased), Joseph T. (deceased), Frances M. (deceased), and Ive N. (deceased). Of the above mentioned children Charles A. enlisted in the Federal army in April, 1864, July 28, 1864, he was captured by the Confederates and taken to Andersonville prison, and from there to Charleston, and later to Florence, S. C., at which place he died October 30, 1865, shortly before reaching his twentieth year. The mother of these children married a second time on March 17, 1863, to Jesse Martland, of Concord, Ky., with whom she still lives. Alfred M. Thompson, the immediate subject of this sketch, when only three years of age, was taken to Lewis county, Ky., by his parents, and he lived with them on the farm until he was about nineteen years of age. At that time he formed a partnership with his brother, James Thompson, and engaged in the grocery business at Vanceburg, which was continued for about a year. He then tried the timber business for a while, but subsequently went to Quincy, Ky., where he was engaged in hotel keeping for two years. Later, in partnership with J. R. Pugh, he was for three years in the boat-building business at Vanceburg. Afterward he entered the wholesale grocery business at Cincinnati, with J. G. Rutter, which was only continued for a short while, and after a brief interval off the road he acted as salesman for W. L. VanHeis & Co. Then he traveled for seven years for Robert Howe, wholesale liquor dealer of Cincinnati. He went to Huntington, W. Va., in 1884. At first he took charge of the Continental hotel, but in 1886 opened the St. Nicholas, in which he has since dispensed hospitality to its numerous patrons. November 14, 1865, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Anna B., daughter of Jordan S.

Sample, of Vanceburg, Ky. As a hotel keeper Mr. Thompson has proved an eminent success, and does a good business, which increases all the time.

J. L. Thornburg is a native of Cabell county, his birth having taken place near Barboursville, October 28, 1835. His father, Solomon Thornburg, was born in Berkeley county, Va., in 1791, and moved to Cabell about 1813, where he lived until his death. He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked at that until he had money enough to buy a farm in Cabell county, which was for many years his place of residence. He served a number of times as member of the house of delegates from his adopted county. He was also member of the county court for many years, and became sheriff by right of seniority in service as magistrate. In 1812, he married Mary Staley, and they became the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, wife of John Griffin; Thomas, Mary (deceased), John W. (deceased) and James L. The father of these children died December 30, 1854, and the mother in 1864. James L. Thornburg was educated in the country schools and at Marshall college. After leaving college, he lived on the farm for a while with his father, and then spent some three years as clerk in W. C. Miller & Co.'s store at Barboursville. Subsequently he taught school for a year or two, and in 1860 settled on a farm below Huntington, in which locality he lived for a number of years. Mr. Thornburg is a surveyor by profession, and has been frequently elected surveyor of Cabell county, and city engineer of Huntington. He has served several terms on the school board of Guyandotte district, and was twice president of the board. Since the organization of the First National bank of Huntington, Mr. Thornburg has been a stockholder and director of the same. Since early youth he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, to which denomination his wife also belongs. April 16, 1858, he married Miss Virginia F., daughter of Alexander Handley of Putnam county, and their children are as named below: Charles, born April, 1859; McCullough, born August, 1861, and died the same year; Addie, born October 30, 1862; John D., who died in 1866; Victoria, wife of Dr. R. E. Vickers; James H., born November 3, 1869, and Ruth, born December 5, 1871.

John W. Valentine is a native of Newcastle, Henry county, Ky., where his birth took place June 24, 1860, his parents being Richard and Sallie W. (Smith) Valentine. The father was born in 1825 near Lexington, Ky. He was educated for the ministry, and for forty years past has been a minister in the Presbyterian church. His location at present is in Georgetown, Ohio. In 1850 he married Sallie Smith, daughter of William Smith, of Newcastle, Ky., and they had the following children: Hallie, wife of Frank Thompson; Mamie, wife of David Hunter; Beat

tie, wife of R. A. Jack; John W., Lidie, Katie, Fanny and Mattie. The subject of our sketch was educated in Newcastle and Lexington, where he removed with his parents in 1865, remaining there until 1876. The last mentioned date he went to Augusta, Ky., where he remained until 1882. During his residence in Augusta he clerked in the dry goods store of P. D. Powers & Co. In 1882 Mr. Valentine came to Huntington, W. Va., where he accepted a position with Harmison, Jack & Co., with which firm he remained until March, 1888. At that time he formed a partnership with T. S. Garland, and opened a large dry goods store which they still conduct. Mr. Valentine was married in 1885 to Miss Darling, daughter of James W. Armstrong, of Augusta, Ky., their only child being one son, James T., who died in infancy. Mrs. Valentine is connected with the famous Marshall family of Kentucky. Mr. Valentine is fraternally associated with Castle Hall lodge, K. P., and is a member of the Uniform Rank. He also belongs to the National Union. The family enjoy high social rank and extensive popularity.

E. C. Van Vleck, a well known dentist of Huntington, claims nativity at Gallipolis, Ohio, in which city his birth occurred July 1, 1858. His father, J. A. Van Vleck, married Mary McNeily, the former of New York and the latter of Gallipolis. The mother of Mrs. Van Vleck is still living in the city last mentioned, at the advanced age of ninety-one. Henry Van Vleck, grandfather of our immediate subject, was a prominent physician in New York city. The father of our subject first learned the trade of a silversmith, but afterward followed the weaving business. Later on he studied dentistry, and has practiced that profession in Gallipolis for over thirty-five years. His family consisted of the following named children: America, wife of T. Northrup, of Gallipolis; Emma, wife of Andrew Bagley, of California; Effie, wife of Alfred Reynolds; Samuel, John, E. C., Alice, wife of William Wright, of Gallipolis, and Ellsworth. Mr. E. C. Van Vleck was educated in the public schools of Gallipolis. He studied dentistry under his father, and in July, 1883, came to Huntington, where he now enjoys the leading practice of the city. He is a member of Huntington lodge, No. 53, F. & A. M., Huntington chapter, No. 6, and commandery No. 9, K. T. October 11, 1882, Mr. Van Vleck was united in marriage with Miss Ada, daughter of Charles Summerson, of Guyandotte, by whom he has two children, Birdie and Stanard.

Z. T. Vinson is a native of Wayne county, W. Va., where his birth took place December 22, 1857, his parents being Samuel S. and Mary (Damron) Vinson. The father was born in 1833, in Wayne county, but afterward moved across the river into Louisa, Ky., where he lived from 1875 until 1878, at the last

mentioned date, locating in Ceredo where he now resides. For many years he engaged in the lumber business, but is now a merchant and real estate dealer in connection with farming. His marriage took place in 1854, to the daughter of Samuel Damron, of Cassville, W. Va., and their children were: Zachary T., Josephine, wife of John Bromley, who died in 1887; William (deceased), Belle, wife of J. A. Hughes; Boyd, Lindsay and Mary. Zachary T. Vinson after an ordinary common school education, entered Bethany college at the age of sixteen, where he was graduated in 1878. In 1882 he entered the university of Virginia, and took the law course of that and the succeeding year. Immediately thereafter, he attended the law course for 1883 and '84 at the Boston university. In 1885, he was admitted to the bar in Cabell county, and formed a partnership with G. E. McDonald and Thomas H. Harvey, which continued until the last mentioned was elected to the bench, when he retired. In 1888, Mr. Vinson was united in marriage to Miss Lena, daughter of John Bush, of Winchester, Ky. Besides his law practice, Mr. Vinson is prominently connected with the business affairs of the community. He is engaged in the real estate business and is one of the stockholders and president of the Huntington & Big Sandy railroad company, also a stockholder in the Huntington & Kenova Land company, stockholder in the First National Bank, director of the Twelve Pole Broom company, besides which he is interested financially in the Electric Light & Street railroad company. Fraternally, Mr. Vinson is associated with Huntington lodge, I. O. O. F., and is a member of lodge 33, K. P. In short, he deservedly takes rank as one of the most progressive and substantial of the many enterprising citizens of Huntington.

W. P. Walker is a native of Jackson county, W. Va., where he was born May 14, 1834, and where he received his early education in the country schools. Subsequently and after his marriage he attended the Allegheny college, in Greenbrier county, which institution he left in 1861. During his attendance in college he had engaged some in preaching, and while the war was in progress he followed this holy calling in the counties of Fayette and Nicholas, which was debatable territory between the two contending armies. In 1866 Mr. Walker was called to the Baptist church, in Williamstown, W. Va., and remained there until 1875. In October, 1875, he was appointed financial agent of Shelton college, at Coalsmouth, Kanawha valley, in which capacity he acted for one year. He then returned to his church at Williamstown, where he remained until April of 1877, when he went to Huntington, and took the pastorate of the Fifth avenue Baptist church, which position he still retains. In 1855 Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Alexander McClung, of Nichols county, though she was born

in Indianapolis. To this union was born three children, both of whom died infancy. In 1863 Mr. Walker adopted Sallie J. Smith, now wife of Ira R. Wood, of Idaho, daughter James and Sarah Smith, the latter of whom was an aunt of Mrs. Walker. The subject of this sketch was a son of McLin Walker, who was born in 1805, in what is now Kanawha county, and died in Jackson county, about 1845. He was a farmer and cabinet maker by calling, and in 1833, married Maria, daughter of Joseph A. Rader, of Jackson county. Their children were as follows: William P., Samantha (deceased), Elizabeth, wife of J. B. Smith; Margaret S., wife of A. S. Shepard; and Rosaline, wife of Martin Simms. The mother of these children died in 1880. The great-grandfather of our subject was born in England, and came to Greenbrier county Va., in 1781, settling in the neighborhood of what is now Alderson. The great-grandfather of our subject's wife was John Alderson, an Englishman, who came to Greenbrier county about the same time with John Walker, and organized the first Baptist church in southwest Virginia. In 1888, the state university of West Virginia, conferred upon the subject of this sketch the degree of doctor of divinity, which his life had proved him to be eminently deserving of. He is a gentleman of the highest character, and has long occupied a prominent place in religious circles.

William F. Wallace was born in Lehigh county, Penn., March 8, 1837. The same year his parents moved to St. Louis, Mo., and in 1840 located in Cincinnati. The father was born at Newburg, N. Y., in 1797, and was a shoemaker by trade. In 1822 he married Miss Marice H. Hutter. During the war with England, in 1815, he served as a soldier in a Maryland regiment, and his death took place in Cincinnati in 1850. His son, William F., when only thirteen years of age, started out to fight the battles of the world without friends or money. At the age of sixteen he entered a printing office in Newport, Ky., and in April, 1853, went to Guyandotte, W. Va., where he resumed labor in a printing office at a salary of $5 per month and board. He worked in this place until 1858 when he went to Cincinnati and secured a job in the Methodist Book Concern, which furnished him occupation until the breaking out of the civil war. Being enthusiastically patriotic, Mr. Wallace concluded to become a soldier for his country and enlisted in Company I, Fifth Ohio volunteer infantry. In February, 1863, he was discharged on account of deafness, but in July, 1864, re-enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, and came home at the close of the war in command of a company. July 3, 1866, he was married to Miss Maggie A. Conway, and they have two living children: Ella M. and George E., and two deceased: William W. and Charles A. In December, 1871, Mr.

Wallace came to Huntington, W. Va., and during the remainder of that winter, worked on the *Huntington Independent*. In the spring of 1872, he commenced the publication of the *Huntington Argus*, which proved a success and is still in operation with a constantly increasing patronage. While living in Ironton, Ohio, in 1870 and 1871, Mr. Wallace filled the office of assessor, and that is the only official position to which he ever aspired. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1859, also belongs to the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and the G. A. R. He has an undisputed right to that complimentary title, a self-made man, as everything he has accomplished in life has been due to his own individual efforts and energy, as he had no assistance from wealthy friends or relatives.

J. D. Wellman, merchant in Huntington, was born in Cabell county, December 30, 1830, his parents being David and Rebecca (Wilson) Wellman. John W. Wellman, the grandfather of J. D., was born on the present site of Baltimore, Md. He married a Miss Frazier, and afterward migrated to Virginia, settling on the Big Sandy river, where he took up a large tract of land and became a prominent farmer, owning many slaves. He was for a long time magistrate of his county, and by virtue of that office eventually became high sheriff of Cabell and subsequently of Wayne county, now West Virginia. His death occurred in 1864. His son, David, was born on the homestead farm on the Big Sandy river, in 1803. He engaged in farming and accumulated considerable property. His wife was a native of Tazewell county, and they reared a family of fourteen children, of whom eleven are still living, as follows: Calvin, J. A., J. D., Wayne, Noah, David, Atwell, Albert, Keziah, Sarah and Nancy Jane. J. D. Wellman, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared in Wayne county, where he received an ordinary education. When he grew up, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some years. He lived for a while at Ceredo, and in 1883 came to Huntington, where he established his present business. In addition to his mercantile pursuits, he has large real estate interests in Huntington and vicinity. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Tenth Kentucky volunteer infantry, of the Confederate army, but was subsequently transferred to a Virginia regiment, from which he was honorably discharged. Moving to Louisa, he was a member of the state militia, with which he served three months. He participated in the engagements at Scary Creek, Barboursville and Guyandotte, under Gen. Jenkins. In 1853 Mr. Wellman married Miss Martha A., daughter of Isaiah Adkins, of Wayne county, by whom he has five children: Emma, wife of J. S. Marcum; Buena Vista, wife of James Blanchard; Adda, Bessie, wife of C. F. Wilcoxson, and Lulu, wife of D. A. Mossman. Mr. Wellman and wife are members of the

Methodist Episcopal church, south. He is also a member of Appleson lodge, No. 195, A. F. & A. M., of Louisa. He has good standing as a business man and clever gentleman generally.

B. C. Wilson was born in Kanawha county, W. Va., April 28, 1865, his parents being Alex H. and Mary (Chilton) Wilson. The father was born in 1829, is an architect by profession, and holds the position of janitor of the state house at Charleston. He married in 1859 the daughter of Blackwell Chilton, now deceased, and became the father of ten children, as follows: Kate, wife of John White; Blackwell C., John R., Fanny, Joseph, Alexander H., George K. (deceased), Patrick M., Charles (deceased) and Edwin. The father of Alexander Wilson, whose name was John, represented Kanawha county in the Virginia legislature for several terms, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He became the father of twelve children, and died about 1834. Blackwell C. Wilson was educated in the country schools and at the West Virginia university, in Morgantown, where he took a law course. Leaving college at the age of twenty-one, he proceeded to Lincoln county and opened a law office. He remained there for two years, during which time he acted as assistant prosecuting attorney, From there he came to Huntington, in the summer of 1888, since which time he has been practicing law in that city. June 14, 1889, he was nominated on the democratic ticket for clerk of the circuit court of Cabell county, and was elected in November following for a term of six years. He holds membership in Huntington lodge, No. 53, F. & A. M. In 1885 Mr. Wilson was happily married to Miss Winona, daughter of M. Hayes, of Morgantown, and the union resulted in the birth of one child, christened Lucy. The family enjoy good social standing and general popularity.

BOYD COUNTY.

G. F. Friel, clerk of the Boyd county court, was born in Fulton, Greenup county, Ky., July 5, 1864, being a son of Daniel and Louvera (Beals) Friel. The father was a native of Ireland and the mother was born on Cheat river, Va. They were married in Pourtsmouth, Ohio, and moved to Kansas in 1885, where they now reside. Our subject was reared principally in Boyd county, where he received a limited education, and at the age of sixteen years entered into the employment of the Ashland Coal & Iron railroad company at Coalton and Rush. He remained in the mercantile department of the business until May, 1890, and in August of that year he was elected clerk of the county court, entering upon the duties of his office on the 25th of the month mentioned. He was elected by 149 majority on the democratic ticket, overcoming a republican majority of over 300, which indi-

cates his popularity and strength among the members of all parties. Fraternally he is connected with Coalton lodge, No. 229, I. O. O. F., Adams lodge, No. 79, Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle or Kilgore, Ky. In 1889 he was happily married to Miss Ida F., daughter of William H. Wheeler, of Sciotoville, Ohio. Their union has been blessed with the birth of one child, who was christened Gaylord Norton Friel. Mrs. Friel is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church and the family has a very large circle of friends and well wishers.

G. W. Gallup, deceased, a prominent lawyer and soldier, was born October 28, 1828, in Albany, N. Y. His ancestors on his father's side came to America in the Mayflower in the year 1620. His father, Gideon Gallup, was a contractor and builder, and later in life a farmer. His mother was a Miss Wagoner, of Belgian ancestry. Col. Gallup, the subject of our sketch, received his education in the common schools of New York, the Aurora academy and Central college. After leaving college he followed the occupation of teaching from 1845 until 1849. In the last mentioned year he began the study of law at Burlington, Ohio, and continued his studies in the following year with Hon. L. T. Moore, of Louisa, Ky. He engaged in mercantile pursuits for a while, when he was admitted to the bar and formed a law partnership with his preceptor. He continued in active practice until 1861, when he recruited a company of home guards, which formed the nucleus of the Fourteenth regiment Kentucky volunteer infantry, United States army, which he assisted in forming in September of that year. October 10, 1861, he was mustered into the service as regimental quartermaster, having given his individual receipt for the entire outfit of the regiment before organization. Afterward he was made lieutenant colonel, then became colonel and before the close of the war was made brevet brigadier general for gallant services on the field. He served with Gen. Garfield in east Kentucky, and was with Gen. George Morgan at Cumberland Gap when he was intrusted with the important duties of negotiating terms of exchanging prisoners. He was given command of the forces to hold Cumberland Gap against Kirby Smith, and under the orders of Gen. Morgan, he in person blew up four magazines of powder and fixed ammunition and burned the large warehouse containing 20,000 stands of arms and other munitions of war. After obstructing the enemy in every possible way, he performed a perilous undertaking by rejoining Gen. Morgan's forces and commanding the rear guard until it had crossed the Ohio river at Greenupsburg, Ky. In 1863 he was transferred to Gen. Buell's command in central Kentucky and soon after succeeded Gen. Julius White in command of the division of eastern Kentucky. He led an expedition into West Virginia and captured Col. Ferguson and

a portion of his regiment, the Eighth Virginia, also Col. French, with his entire regiment of 800 men, at Piketon, Ky. In 1864 he was ordered to the Mississippi department and was put in command of the First brigade, Second division, Twenty-third army corps, at Kingston, Ga. Thereafter he took part in the Atlanta campaign until the city surrendered, being engaged in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree creek, Jonesborough and others. At the battle of Kenesaw Mountain the conduct of Col. Gallup's regiment elicited the following order, which was read to the army from field notes of records taken on the Fourteenth regiment, Kentucky volunteers, while formed in a square on the battle ground of the previous day, June 22, 1864, on Marietta road, Ga.: Headquarters of the Second division of the Twenty-third army corps, army of the Ohio, June 23, 1864. Marietta road. The general commanding this division desires to draw the attention of the divisions, brigades and regiments, officers and men of this command to the conduct, undaunted courage and bravery of this Fourteenth regiment, Kentucky volunteers, now assembled. Col. George W. Gallup, his officers and men, who are now present before you, who held back and checked the advance of the enemy's attack, in Marietta road, in column of companies front; and artillery in sections moving and deployed to the left of the road; three separated lines of infantry deep, 100 yards apart. This noble regiment, alone and determined, met the advance of such a superior force of infantry and artillery with such effect, repulsed the head of their column, deliberately firing at less than forty yards into their forward line before the second deployed line came up the inclined ground to where their front line of attack fell, and received from the Fourteenth regiment a second firing, which struck them with terrible effect, creating a panic or confusion. The casualties left on this field to-day, June 23, 1864, is seen by our men burying the enemy's dead; while the resistance and their valor held the enemy back until our fortifications and positions were secure and artillery planted on Gen. Hooker's right, while alone and undaunted Col. Gallup and the Fourteenth regiment Kentucky volunteers retired, brought their casualities with them inside our fortifications. This noble example set and worthy to be emulated; such noble conduct in the face and against infantry and artillery of a superior numeric force, for this great achievement the general commanding this division returns his thanks with his proud admiration to Col. G. W. Gallup, his officers and Fourteenth regiment of soldiers. By order of Gen. Haskell, command of Second division, Twenty-third army corps, army of Ohio. In 1866 he was a candidate for the state senate on the conservative ticket, but was defeated. Subsequently he practiced law and engaged in the lumber business. He was prominently connected with the building of the C. & O.

R. R. and the Big Sandy R. R., meeting with serious losses in some of the speculations which grew out of this business. He was appointed postmaster of Catlettsburg by President Grant. In 1851 he married Rebecca A., daughter of Col. Frederick Moore, of Virginia. Three children were born to this union, one living, viz.: G. F. Gallup, who is a jeweler in Catlettsburg. He was born in Lawrence county, Ky., May 15, 1857, and at the age of twelve years moved to Catlettsburg. He was educated principally in the military institute of Frankfort, Ky., and engaged in railroad contracting with his father, and in 1878 established his present business in Catlettsburg. He was appointed postmaster in 1881 and served two years, and for the same length of time has been trustee of the jury fund of Boyd county, Ky. He is a member of lodge No. 142, I. O. O. F., Chatteroi encampment, No. 71, and Mizpah lodge, No. 39, K. of P.

M. F. Hampton, clerk of the circuit court at Catlettsburg, was born in Boyd county, Ky., June 15, 1849, his parents being Levi J. and Elizabeth (Henderson) Hampton. They are both natives of Wayne county, W. Va., and came to Boyd county about 1835. His father was interested in real estate and one of the company who laid out the town of Catlettsburg. M. F. Hampton was born in the house previously occupied by Mr. Catlett, after whom the town was named, and now enjoys the distinction of being the oldest citizen born in the place. At the breaking out of the war, his father joined the Federal army and became adjutant of the Thirty-ninth Kentucky infantry. He was killed at Wyman Shoals in December, 1862. He was one of the first settlers of Catlettsburg, served as justice of the peace for many years and also held the position of deputy clerk and other important offices. He was a well informed man and much better educated than the average of his day. His wife survived him about a year, dying in 1863. They reared a family of six children, five daughters and one son. Our subject was educated in what is now De Pauw university at Greencastle, Ind. He studied law with J. W. Hampton, and in 1868 was made deputy clerk of the county and circuit courts. He held this position until 1874, when he was elected to the office of clerk of the circuit court and is now serving his third term in that office. He has also served in the capacity of member of the board of school examiners, trustee of the town and of the jury fund and a member of the common council. He belongs to Catlettsburg lodge, No. 142, I. O. O. F., and Chatteroi encampment, No. 71, also the Canton Boyd Patriarchs Militant. In 1873, he was united in matrimony to Miss Kate, daughter of Capt. Wash. Honshell, of Catlettsburg, by whom he has one child, Gus H.

W. O. Hampton, deputy clerk of the county court in Catlettsburg, was born in Boyd, then Greenup county, Ky., March 25, 1835, being a son of William and Sarah (Buchanan) Hampton.

William Hampton, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Fauquier county, W. Va., his father being an Englishman. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, after which he settled on the present site of Huntington, W. Va., taking up a tract of land from the Twelve Pole creek to the Greenup river. He was a physician and surgeon during the Revolutionary war, and died on his farm at the age of ninety years. He was a full cousin of Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, and came from England with him. The grandfather of our subject was a farmer and carpenter, and died near the mouth of White creek, in Wayne county, W. Va. His children were Wade, of Los Angeles, Cal.; George, who died in June, 1890; William, the father of our subject; Henry, of California; Levi, deceased, and Eliza, who married a Mr. Hutchinson and died in Missouri. The father of our subject was principally reared in Kentucky, was a farmer and general trader and a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was born in 1808 and died in July, 1887. His wife's death occurred in 1874. They reared a family of eight children, four of whom are now living: George S., of Missouri; William O., John W., of Texas, and Wade, of Missouri. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Boyd county, and at Marshall college, W. Va. He studied law under the Hon. J. N. Rice, was admitted to the bar in 1858, and practiced law until the rebellion. He then opened a livery and exchange stable in Catlettsburg, and continued up to 1865, at which time he was elected clerk of the circuit and county courts. He held these offices until August, 1875, and then engaged in farming and lumbering. He served as deputy sheriff of the county and master of the commissioner's court. In 1890 he was appointed to the position of deputy clerk of the county court, which he still holds. His marriage took place in 1862, his bride being Miss Mary, daughter of Jackson B. Ward, of Carter county, Ky. She died in April, 1886, leaving three children: William, Sallie and Fanny.

Benjamin Williamson, wholesale hardware merchant in Catlettsburg, was born in Pike county, Ky., October 16, 1864. His parents were W. J. and America (Slader) Williamson. His father is a well-known lumber dealer of the Big Sandy district, and a prominent member of the Big Sandy packet company. The subject of our sketch was reared in Pike county, until thirteen years of age, received his education at Bethany colllege, West Virginia, and in 1886, established his present business, in partnership with his father, under the firm name of Ben Williamson & Co. He is a stockholder in the Catlettsburg Building and Loan association, a member of Hampton lodge, No. 235, A. F. & A. M., and is a democrat in politics. In January, 1889, he was united in matrimony to Miss Cereos, daughter of John B. Wellman of Catlettsburg. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and enjoy good social standing.